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'Worst financial scandal of century'

Pension firms dressed down by minister

By Gavin Lumsden

TWO of Britain's leading insurance companies were publicly condemned by the Government yesterday for underestimating ministers' determination to resolve the long-standing misselling pensions scandal.

Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary, compared the Legal & General and the Sedgwick Group to alcoholics unable to acknowledge that they had a problem.

Her attack came six weeks after she ordered 24 companies, including the Prudential, Norwich Union and Royal Sun Alliance, to demonstrate the resources they had committed to settling the problem. One and a half million people are estimated to have lost thousands of pounds each as a result of being given poor pension advice between 1988 and 1994.

Ms Liddell said: "While most of the policy statements sent to me showed a businesslike sense of purpose, I regret that there are two which appear to misunderstand the Government's determination that this matter be resolved with dispatch.

"The Sedgwick Group is quite wrong to assert that the Goverment's initiative on May 14 was in any way under-researched. And I am not convinced by the objections of the board of Legal & General to well-merited criticism of the industry's performance."

Ms Liddell said 600,000 priority cases had been identified from the misselling of personal pensions; 18,000 had died without receiving compensation, while a further one million to two million were non-priority. "This is the worst financial scandal of the century," she said. Some companies had resolved only 2 per cent of their cases, "an appalling record".

Liddell: compared firms with alcoholics

The 24 pension companies must now send the Treasury a detailed breakdown of the cases they have to settle by next Thursday and provide an update every month. Ms Liddell has instructed the Personal Investment Authority and the Securities and Investments Board who regulate the pension companies to vet these figures.

She will then decide what further action to take. Ms Liddell said nothing has been ruled out. Joe Palmer, chairman of the PIA, was head of Legal & General until 1991. Legal & General has more than 55,000 cases.

David Prosser, the company's chief executive, said last night the company was fully committed to the pensions review and had completed 87 per cent of the cases it had to settle under the PIA's September deadline. He said the company "cannot understand" Ms Liddell's criticism of its letter. "No personal pension customer advised by Legal & General will lose out," he said.

The Sedgwick Group, which includes the pensions consultant and provider Sedgwick Noble Lowndes, said it was surprised that it was named by Ms Liddell.

The company said it welcomed the Government's determination to speed up the review process and added: "We remain committed to completing the review within the timetable already agreed with our regulators.

"The Economic Secretary regretfully appears to have taken exception to a comment we made in the covering letter to our report, which is now in the public domain."

In the letter, Sax Riley, Sedgwick chairman, said it was disappointed that Ms Liddell did not have the opportunity to brief herself on the background to the affair.

Legal & General has a market capitalisation of nearly £5.2 billion. Last year, it made a record pre-tax operating profit of £291.4 million, up from £252.5 million. Sales of life assurance and pension products, one of the real growth areas for insurers at the moment because of the low premium rates in motor and general insurance, were up 54 per cent to £301 million last year.

Sedgwick Group has a market capitalisation of about £677 million. It made a pre-tax profit of £95.5 million in 1996, up from £90.1 million in 1995.

A recent photograph of instructor Michael Costello, behind, jumping with a student. Mr Costello is thought to have saved the life of Briton Gareth Griffiths

Hero saved Briton in 6,000ft fall

From Tom Rhodes in Orlando, David Adams in Miami and Daniel McGrory

Griffiths: "Sensation of ground rushing up"

A BRITISH skydiver who survived a 6,000ft fall when his parachute failed to open was probably saved by the sacrifice of the instructor who fell with him.

Gareth Griffiths, 27, was making his first parachute jump, a tandem jump strapped underneath instructor Michael Costello.

Mr Griffiths appears to have escaped death because Mr Costello rolled over at the last minute absorbing the worst of the impact. Mr Costello, 38, died instantly.

Mr Griffiths, a management consultant from Bridgend, South Wales, told friends from his hospital bed in Florida yesterday: "I remember the chutes did not open fully and then there was the sensation of the ground rushing up".

After a seven-hour operation at Orlando Regional Medical Centre in Florida Mr Griffiths was said to be "serious but stable." A hospital spokesman said that, barring any unforeseen complications, Mr Griffiths could make a full recovery. The operation to his spine had involved a bone graft and fusing marrow together at the base of his spine where he had suffered a compression fracture to one vertebra.

Mr Griffiths was on holiday with five friends and had enrolled in a two week sky diving programme at the Paragators Sports Parachute Centre at Umatilla, 50 miles north of Orlando.

His friend Michael Tighe, 24, was standing with two others in the drop zone ready to take photographs as their friends as they came down. "We noticed what looked like a solo parachutist in difficulty. The chute was only partially open and they were coming down fast before they disappeared below the treeline."

Ambulances arrived at the scene within minutes and Mr Griffiths was rushed to hospital.

"He was talking but in a lot of pain and was heavily sedated," said Mr Tighe, 24, who also works as a management consultant for Andersen Consulting. "He had broken his ribs on the right so talking was sore. What he said was that the chutes were not fully opening and he remembered the ground rushing up.

"It is a miracle he is alive. It

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Rare Van Gogh fetches £8m

A rare watercolour by Vincent Van Gogh of a panoramic harvest scene in Provence sold for £8.8 million at Sotheby's in London last night.

It was bought by Dede Brooks, president and chief executive of the auction house, on behalf of an anonymous bidder. The estimate had been £8 million.

MP says minister bullied him

A Labour MP has claimed that he was bullied by a cabinet minister and threatened with expulsion from the party for campaigning against a Welsh assembly.

Llew Smith, MP for Blaenau Gwent, has made an official complaint to the Chief Whip .... Page 2

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Summat amiss at t'House, but it's not clear what

Political Sketch

Matthew Parris

IN THE world outside, Greg Rusedski was smashing tennis balls at Mark Philippoussis across the Centre Court at Wimbledon. A few miles away and under cover, Tony Blair lobbed a series of wet balls at William Hague across a soggy green court.

This was the world of Westminster. A new Prime Minister and a new Leader of the Opposition faced each other in their first match at the Commons Centre Court.

William Hague mustered what swing he could, cleared the net easily, but never seriously wrong-footed Mr Blair. When umpire Boothroyd suspended play, both men retired with honour, neither with distinction.

The stands were not full as the Prime Minister returned from the "G8" summit in Denver and the Special UN Environment Conference in New York, to resume the Commons game. For a man presumably suffering election-lag, jet-lag, jargon-lag and UN hot-air-lag, Mr Blair turned in a relaxed performance: poised and confident.

But with sizzlers like flexible labour markets and an integrated transport system to serve across the dispatch box net he was struggling yesterday for that awesome display of unrelenting power with which Rusedski was astonishing commentators south of the river.

Tony Blair does not pronounce the i in (for instance) "hit" properly. In his diction the sound would rhyme with the "ate" in "frigate". Thus, though he was trying to tell us about the summit in Denver, it sounded as though he had come back to describe *summat* in Denver. It was never clear what.

Summat Mr Blair did discuss in Denver was unleaded petrol. It was really very hard for Mr Hague to be against this. Nor did he find it easy to take exception to the international fight against organised crime.

Next across the net came sustained public pensions systems. Hague could hardly smash these back at Blair's baseline. Managed fisheries thudded, waterlogged, into Hague's court. Energy-saving by means of through-ticketing failed to start a volley.

Summat in the communiqué had, however, caught the young Hague's attention. He begged Blair to tell him more about the "active ageing strategy" unveiled at the "G8". As neither the House nor the

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Loser tips Rusedski to win Wimbledon

By John Goodbody and Joanna Bale

GREG RUSEDSKI was tipped by Australian Mark Philippoussis, the fastest server in world tennis, as a possible Wimbledon winner after the unseeded Briton beat him in straight sets yesterday in a match stopped on Monday by poor light.

The impact of Tim Henman's Monday victory clearly buoyed up Rusedski in crushing Philippoussis, the No.7 seed. But the British successes also included Chris Wilkinson, who yesterday defeated the No.17 seed.

The bad news is that Wimbledon is likely to be disrupted by rain for the rest of the week in what will have been the wettest June for seven years. Forecasters say it will also be cold and windy.

To the delight of yesterday's packed 13,000 Centre Court crowd, it took Rusedski just 14 minutes to complete his 7-6, 7-6, 6-3 triumph. During the battle, both men had serves timed at 138mph, with one of the Australian's shots hitting a line-judge in the stomach. Rusedski had 27 aces to his opponent's 14.

When Philippoussis was asked afterwards if Rusedski could go "all the way", he said: "If he serves like that, I think, why not?"

The Canadian-born Rusedski, 23, accepted that Henman's performances added to the buoyancy of the Britons in a men's tournament that a home player has not won since Fred Perry in 1936, but added that he did not feel that he was in Henman's shadow.

Wilkinson beat Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden 7-6, 0-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

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Blair's lost boxes turn up on Heathrow carousel

By James Landale
Political Reporter

TONY BLAIR yesterday experienced the frustration felt by thousands of air travellers when his luggage went missing at Heathrow.

But while most tourists are parted from nothing more than a suitcase of clothes, the Prime Minister lost nine red ministerial boxes. Worse, they ended up on the public baggage carousel. Travellers were stunned as the boxes, inscribed "Prime Minister" in gold letters, circulated with other luggage until Downing Street officials were informed.

Officials said there was no risk of state secrets being divulged as the boxes contained only stationery and office equipment used by Mr Blair's staff.

Mr Blair arrived at 8.30am on BA Flight 176 after attending the Earth Summit in New York and was whisked through the VIP lounge. But the red boxes, which should have been delivered personally to aides, ended up on the carousel in Terminal Four.

A British Airways official spotted the boxes and took them off.

An airline spokesman said an investigation had been launched and that Robert Ayling, the Chief Executive, had apologised to Mr Blair. The mix-up was apparently caused by a breakdown in communications between London and New York.

Downing Street officials insisted that boxes with confidential material are always kept with officials on the plane as hand luggage.

It came to light meanwhile that Mr Blair refused the gift of a £10,700 Rolex watch at the Denver G7 summit last weekend. Rolex offered an Oyster Perpetual Day-Date President chronometer to each head of government.

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MP complains of devolution threats

■ A complaint to the Chief Whip indicates that dissidents in the party are prepared to defy the Government's tough line on discipline, Valerie Elliott reports

THE Labour leadership yesterday faced revolt over its devolution proposals after an MP claimed that he had been bullied by a Cabinet minister and threatened with expulsion from the party for campaigning against a Welsh assembly.

In the first sign that some dissidents are prepared to defy Labour's tough line on discipline Llew Smith, MP for Blaenau Gwent, made an official complaint to Nick Brown, the Chief Whip, about an alleged threat from Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary.

Mr Smith said that Mr Davies had threatened to remove him from the party if he campaigned against the referendum planned this autumn.

He also said that leaders of his local council had been told by advisers that their relationship with the Welsh Office could suffer because of his stance.

"This is about free speech. This is about conducting a referendum free from threats," Mr Smith said. "And this is about not just the Secretary of State for Wales, but his policy adviser trying to put pressure on my local authority in order for me to a take a particular decision."

Mr Smith, who replaced Michael Foot, former Labour leader in the Valleys seat in 1992, said that Huw Roberts, the political adviser, had put pressure on Blaenau Gwent council suggesting that future meetings between the Welsh Office and local councillors and officials might cause difficulties if their MP was disciplined.

Mr Davies later denied that he had made any such threat but insisted that he still expected all Labour MPs to rally behind the party's manifesto commitment to a Scottish parliament and a Welsh assembly. "What I certainly did was tell him I expected Welsh Labour MPs, who were elected on the basis of a very clear election manifesto …, would show a degree of loyalty to the party which allowed them to be elected as MPs.

"If they failed to do so, we would have to look at the action which would be available to the Parliamentary Labour Party." He said this would not necessarily mean expulsion but it would be up to the parliamentary party.

Huw Roberts, his political adviser, said: "I have had one conversation with Llew Smith on this subject and no threats at all were made. The conversation was very one-sided with Llew giving me his views."

A senior party spokesman said the Labour leadership fully backed Mr Davies and said that MPs should endorse the manifesto policies.

Party sources, however, made clear they did not want to rock the boat unnecessarily or provoke rebel MPs to make further criticisms. One ministerial source said: "There are many of us who believe that threats and bullying are counter-productive. If we appear to be making a martyr of someone, then if we are not careful discipline will take over as the issue. There is a feeling that someone has been over-zealous and that does not help at all."

Denzil Davies, a former Treasury minister and Labour MP for Llanelli, said: "This is a new era of politics and I do not think we should use the old rules at Westminster with threats of three-line whips and expulsions. They should play no part in new politics."

Nigel Evans, the Conservative spokesman on Wales, said the Government appeared to be indulging in "Stalinist activity". He spoke of "the breathtaking arrogance of Ron Davies in trying to impose his views on people who have their own principled views".

At the moment the public dissidents in Scotland appear to be limited to Tam Dalyell, the MP for Linlithgow, who has always made his opposition to a Scottish parliament clear. Senior party sources made clear that Mr Dalyell was a "special case" and would not be disciplined. However, other Scottish dissidents would not be given the same treatment.

☐ *Additional reporting by Jill Sherman and Polly Newton*

Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, who insisted yesterday that he expected all Labour MPs to rally behind the party's commitment to a Welsh assembly

Old Labour minister is working to achieve Blairite programme

By Valerie Elliott
Whitehall Editor

MAN IN THE NEWS

RON DAVIES, the MP accused of threatening Llew Smith over the Government's devolution proposals, is regarded by many Blairites as one of the awkward squad.

But despite being seen as old Labour, Mr Davies, the Welsh Secretary and MP for Caerphilly, can be useful to Tony Blair for he is able to deliver the party's backwoodsmen who remain sceptical about Labour's rightward shift.

Before the election, Sir Ray Powell, MP for Ogmore, claimed that Mr Davies had offered him a peerage if he stood down from the Commons so that a safe Labour seat could be found for Alan Howarth, who had defected from the Conservative Party. Mr Howarth subsequently became MP for Newport East.

Mr Davies vehemently rejected the charges, and the furore was quelled when his friends disclosed that there had been longstanding animosity between the two men, former colleagues in the Labour whips' office. Mr Davies had apparently irritated Sir Ray when he stood for election as Shadow Chief Whip.

Mr Davies is also leader of the Welsh Labour Party and organisationally is able to arrange matters in Wales in his own way. He fought a masterful campaign to win election to the Shadow Cabinet but his place in the Cabinet will only be assured if he avoids adverse headlines and secures Welsh support for the Devolution Bill.

He spent much time before the election attempting to head off the anti-devolution rebels, and is trying to maximise Welsh support in the Commons on the Second Reading.

He is determined that the public should understand the issues — although no umbrella groups opposing devolution are to receive public funds this time, unlike the situation under the Callaghan Government.

An easy-to-read version of the White Paper proposals will be delivered to every Welsh home at public expense. The Welsh will go to the polls in the referendum vote shortly after the Scottish vote; it is hoped that a "Yes" vote in Scotland will encourage the Welsh.

Mr Davies has already made his mark as Welsh Secretary. Last month he ripped up the "jobs for the boyos" register of public appointments to quangos at the Welsh Office — a move that had been resisted by a number of departments who felt they might have to take similar action. Mr Davies won the argument.

Loyalists give cool response to Ulster rethink

By Nicholas Watt
and Jill Sherman

TONY BLAIR'S hopes of kickstarting the Northern Ireland peace process received a setback last night when the Ulster Unionists gave a cool response to an Anglo-Irish paper on disarming terrorists.

Senior sources in the party said they were alarmed by the paper which the Prime Minister outlined to David Trimble, the UUP leader, at a meeting in Downing Street yesterday.

One senior Ulster Unionist source said last night: "We are not well disposed to this. We are heading for a crisis because it is insensitive of the Government to come up with a proposal like this just before the height of the marching season."

Mr Trimble is expected to raise the issue in the Commons today when Mr Blair makes a statement on the latest developments on the peace process.

However, Downing Street sources said that Mr Blair had been pleased by Mr Trimble's public comments about the meeting. An official said Mr Blair had felt the meeting was "useful and constructive" but admitted that Mr Trimble had raised a number of concerns.

Speaking after the Downing Street meeting, Mr Trimble said his party could go along with "parallel decommissioning", which would see a weapons surrender programme running alongside talks, provided that arms really were being handed in.

He said: "Our concern in discussions with Government is to ensure that the procedures and mechanisms are clearly there to ensure that decommissioning takes place."

However, the Rev Ian Paisley, the leader of the Democratic Unionists, was more forthright in his opposition, condemning the Anglo-Irish paper as a "surrender document".

Mr Blair held a meeting with William Hague yesterday afternoon to discuss whether the Tories would still continue the bipartisan approach to the Irish peace process. He also saw John Hume, leader of the nationalist SDLP yesterday morning.

Mr Hume was optimistic, saying Mr Blair had "clearly opened the door to lasting peace". Asked whether they were on the verge of a breakthrough, he replied: "I certainly hope we are."

Mr Blair will reveal the contents of the paper to the Commons today during a wide-ranging statement on Northern Ireland.

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press has any sense of irony, most people decided Hague's joke must be a gaffe and laughed at rather than with him.

Blair replied that by their jobs both he and Hague had already chosen active ageing strategies. Both laughed. Hague's few remaining wisps of combed-over hair trembled. Blair's emerging bald patch glinted mysteriously from under the teased Weetabix which adorns his crown.

From the Peers' Gallery another William — Whitelaw — watched, he and Jeffrey Archer having put a generous stretch of the Commons green bench-leather between themselves.

From my own seat almost above Hague's head I had a closer view. Hague stands with a good, upright posture. He has very small hands, chimpanzee-like, and a very large scrawl, which he reads effortlessly.

His style was not unlike John Major's: affable, workmanlike, fluent and with a well briefed attention to detail; but Hague is crisper and more assertive.

Paddy Ashdown watched both Blair and Hague, amused. This was his third Prime Minister. Hague, he said, was the "sixth Leader of a party since I became Leader of mine."

"Much good it did you," came a shout from the groundlings.

"But I get younger every day!" declared the defiant Liberal Democrat grandad, the John Newcombe of parliamentary tennis.

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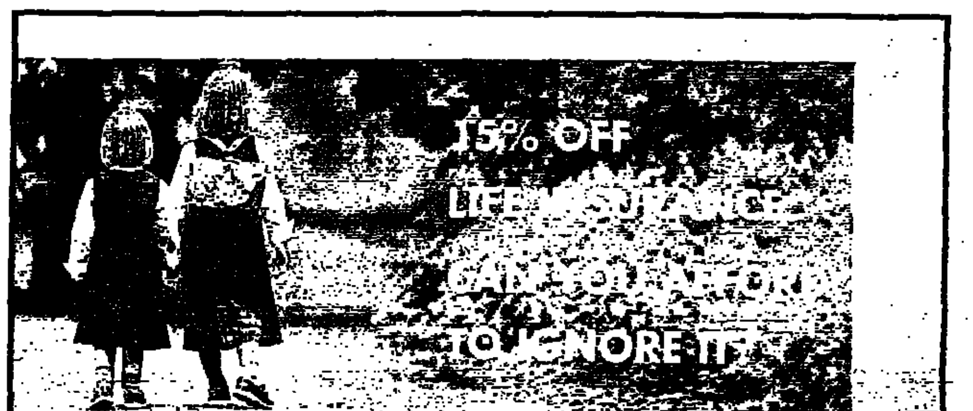

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Frank Windsor's son dies in river death crash mystery

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH, GILLIAN BOWDITCH AND LIN JENKINS

PETER JOLLY

The car in which David Windsor and a married woman died. It was found submerged after skidding off the road

THE only son of actor Frank Windsor has been killed in a car crash after spending the night at a remote Highland hotel with a married colleague.

The bodies of David Windsor, 29, from Holland Park, London, and his companion, Denice Rothwell, 32, from Shepperton, southwest London, were discovered in the wreck of a Ford Fiesta in the River Grudie, beneath an old bridge in Wester Ross, three miles west of Kinlochewe.

The couple, who both worked as cabin crew for British Airways, had spent the night in a twin room at the Loch Maree Hotel, a favourite hideaway of the Royal Family, and had left mysteriously at 4am on Monday morning without paying the £100 bill.

Shortly afterwards their hired car skidded off a country road and plunged 15ft into a river. The accident was discovered by a motorist at around 4.50am who noticed skid marks on the verge of the winding A832 Gairloch to Kinlochewe road near a bridge.

Frank Windsor: said to be very close to his son

He then saw car headlights shining from under the water, close to where the river flows into Loch Maree. Northern Police said it was thought that the couple may have swerved to avoid a deer.

Mrs Rothwell had worked for BA for more than six years and was married to James Rothwell, a first officer and long-haul BA pilot, who was in Delhi at the time of the accident. He was flying back to London last night as a passenger.

Frank Windsor, who made his reputation playing the tough but dependable policeman, John Watt, in *Z Cars*, *Softly Softly* and *Task Force*, was travelling back from a curtailed driving holiday in Italy with his wife Mary, a former dancer, last night to be with his daughter, Amanda, a travel administrator.

Scott Marshall, his agent, said the actor was devastated at the loss of his only son, to whom he was extremely close. "Amanda has spoken to Frank and of course everyone is extremely upset. It is an horrific incident. Frank and Mary are making arrangement to travel home and should be back tomorrow.

"They are a very close family. David was a thoroughly nice fellow. We got to know him quite well over the last eight or nine years. He would often come to the theatre with us or attend Frank's drinks parties.

"He loved his job. He was a nice person to know and very interested in the business side of the theatre."

David Windsor, who had worked for BA for two years, used his parents' Holland Park home as his London base when he was not travelling. He was unmarried. It is understood that Mrs Rothwell and Mr Windsor had finished work the previous Thursday. She had been working on the London to Aberdeen shuttle and he had been working on the London to Hannover, Germany, flights.

It is not clear when they met up but they hired a red Ford Fiesta from Hertz at Inverness Airport, which is around 70 miles from Loch Maree. They checked in to the Loch Maree Hotel at around 7.30pm on Sunday evening.

Mr Windsor was booked in under his own name, but did not register his partner. It is believed Mrs Rothwell used her maiden name of Murphy.

They asked for a double room but were given a twin room overlooking the loch. They had a bar meal and a bottle of wine and were said to have returned to their room before midnight.

Matthew Wylie, hotel manager, said: "We don't make a habit of quizzing our guests. They simply said they were touring the area, like most of our guests do."

He said another guest in a room over the car park heard a car leave in the early hours of the following morning. It was heading towards Inverness. "I really have no idea whether they intended to pay later or not, but they did not pay before they left."

Northern Police divers recovered the bodies and then lifted the car and luggage from the water by a crane.

The road was closed for an hour. Superintendent Hugh MacKay, said that the car could not have been in the water for long because the battery was still operating the headlights.

It is understood that Mr Windsor was due back on duty in London yesterday and that Mrs Rothwell had been due to return to work today.

A British Airways spokesman said that the couple's colleagues were shocked and upset by the accident. "Our sympathies reach out to the families and friends of Denice and David," he said.

Friends and neighbours living near the family home said they were devastated at news of Mr Windsor's death. They described the family as loving and close and said that the actor would be distraught.

Attacker of Judy X made nuisance calls to Tories

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE attacker who subjected a Tory party worker to a sexual ordeal five years ago walked free from court yesterday after he admitted telephoning female Conservative activists with offers of canvassing help and donations.

John Cronin, 25, was given a year's probation and ordered to have psychiatric help after he admitted causing needless anxiety or inconvenience by phoning five Scottish Tory officials on the afternoon of April 17. He used false names and aroused suspicion when he failed to arrive for meetings and give the donations.

In 1993 a Tory worker, known only as Judy X, shocked the Scottish Conservative Party Conference with a speech about the attack by Cronin, whose life sentence had been cut to six years on appeal.

He had posed as a priest and told Judy X that he wanted to make a donation to the party. She invited him into her Edinburgh home where he battered her with a poker, almost throttled her to death and committed a degrading sex attack.

Judy X, who has four children, told the party conference that she believed Cronin would have killed her if she had resisted further. He was on bail at the time of the attack.

Within a year of being released from prison for that offence, Cronin was jailed in Ireland for a year for robbing an elderly priest while he himself was disguised as a priest. He also caused a security alert after following female politicians around Leinster House. Haddington Sheriff Court was told yesterday that Cronin adopted the names John Richardson and Jim Taylor, as well as posing as a London businessman called Robert Dalton.

He made lengthy calls to constituency offices in Edinburgh, Haddington, Stonehaven, Perth and Selkirk. They were later traced to his home in Tranent, East Lothian, where he was arrested.

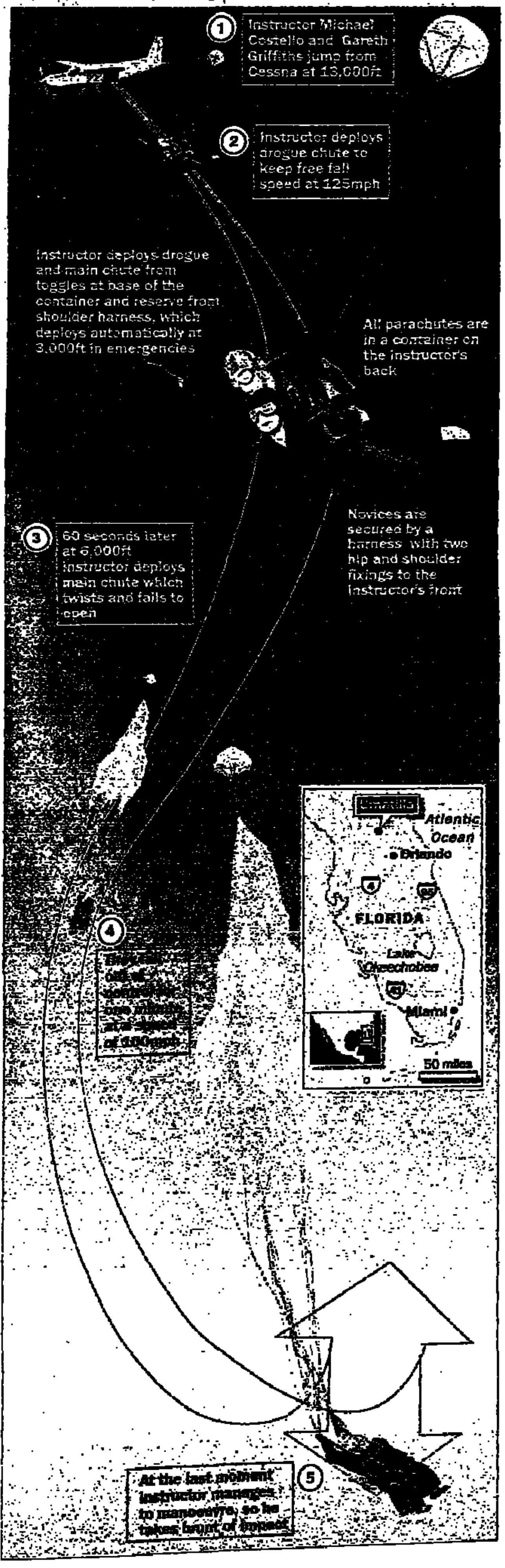
Angus Reith, depute fiscal, said the calls had caused the women anxiety and inconvenience. Cronin's solicitor, Alex Prentice, said that his client had not had a sexual motive, had not singled out women, did not wish to alarm and was only interested in discussing politics. He said that Cronin agreed he needed help and that treatment arranged while he was in prison previously had not been completed.

Sheriff Brian Donald told Cronin: "If I were to send you to prison I suspect you would be out in two or three months and I expect the same problems would continue to arise.

"I am going to give you the opportunity of being helped. If you do not accept that advice or reoffend in any other way, you will be brought back to court and dealt with for this offence and probably go to prison."

Judy X was not available for comment yesterday but female party workers, who did not want to be named, said: "This man is a crank, and a dangerous one at that. He should be locked up."

Hero saved skydiver as parachutes failed


1 Instructor Michael Costello and Gareth Griffiths jump from Cessna at 13,000ft
2 Instructor deploys drogue chute to keep free fall speed at 125mph
Instructor deploys drogue and main chute from toggles at base of the container and reserve from shoulder harness, which deploys automatically at 3,000ft in emergencies
All parachutes are in a container on the instructor's back
Novices are secured by a harness with two hip and shoulder fixings to the instructor's front
3 60 seconds later at 6,000ft instructor deploys main chute which twists and fails to open
4
Atlantic Ocean
Orlando
FLORIDA
Lake Okeechobee
Miami
50 miles
5 At the last moment instructor manages to manoeuvre, so he takes brunt of impact

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is an instructor's priority to make sure his student is safe but we all just feel Mr Costello is a hero and we would like to say how sorry we feel for his family."

Mr Costello, had been parachuting for 18 years had jumped 7,500 times and taught almost 2000 people according to Wilma Godwin, 49, the owner of Paragators. "He is a hero, he gave his life to save the student. He knew what he was doing and made the ultimate sacrifice in the end.

"He somehow managed to flip over so he cushioned the young man. He must have landed on his back because he was doing all he could for Gareth. Mike saved his life. He would have done that, he was that type of guy".

Mr Costello who has been married for five years leaves a widow Sandy, 40 but no children.

Mrs Costello said last night that Mr Griffiths's survival was "a comfort" to her. She said of her husband's action : "It was very intentional, and we know that if he had survived, he would have done it again. He had tremendous experience, and loved parachuting and flying." Mr Griffiths's twin brother, David, said "That man was a hero. He gave his life to Gareth and we will be eternally grateful for that.

"My brother still hasn't been told that the instructor was killed."

The six friends who were on the first day of their course had split into two groups of three to jump from an 1987 Cessna Caravan at 13,000. They were filmed as each of them made their first sky dive with an instructor harnessed to their back.

John Mathews, a close friend of the Costellos, who have no children, told how Mr Griffiths jumped with the second group. "Michael and Gareth were the middle tandem to go. The others could see something was wrong."

After the two men jumped from about 12,000 feet all appeared normal for the first seconds as they enjoyed the thrill of diving freefall. But at 6,000ft as they fell at 125 mph the main chute only partially opened and appeared to twist like a streamer. A second emergency parachute also malfunctioned or became entangled in the main chute.

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ITV's Big Two awarded licence to launch the digital revolution

REPORTS BY ERIC REGULY AND CAROL MIDGLEY

THE two largest ITV companies have been given the go-ahead to launch the greatest revolution in broadcasting since the introduction of colour television 30 years ago.

Carlton and Granada yesterday won the right to begin broadcasting 15 commercial digital terrestrial channels late next year. They will go out alongside the 15 channels allocated to existing terrestrial broadcasters such as the BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5. The service, which will cost £300 million to start, is aimed at the 75 per cent of the population which does not subscribe to either satellite or cable television.

The Independent Television Commission awarded the digital licences to British Digital Broadcasting (BDB), which was originally formed by Carlton, Granada and BSkyB, on the condition that BSkyB withdraws from the group. BSkyB is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*.

The ITC, taking advice from the Office of Fair Trading and European competition authorities, ruled that BSkyB had to leave because of competition concerns. BSkyB dominates satellite broadcasting in Britain and the ITC feared that it could use its power to dominate digital terrestrial broadcasting as well. As a result, Carlton and Granada have agreed to buy BSkyB's one-third stake in BDB for £75 million.

Granada and Carlton put forward the more realistic financial plan

BSkyB, however, was not prevented from providing its basic subscription and premium channels — Sky Movies, the Movie Channel and Sky Sports — to BDB. The ITC said the BSkyB channels would help to ensure the success of digital broadcasting because their "ability to attract viewers and revenue is already well established" BSkyB will also provide the subscription management system.

The ITC's decision immediately provoked controversy. Digital Television Network (DTN), owned by NTL, an American cable company, was the only other bidder. It said the ITC decision "raises continuing and serious concerns in relation to competition and other matters".

DTN's concerns were supported by Oftel, the telecomunications regulator. In a report submitted to the ITC before the winner was announced, Oftel said the award of the licences to BDB "would, in Oftel's view, reinforce BSkyB's dominance in the pay-TV market, with the attendant risk of abuse and the certain readucion in plurality and diversity".

DTN may now contest DBD's victory in a judicial review and consult the Office of Fair Trading. The ITC decisions, however, have always withstood the test of such reviews.

DTN's position is that BSkyB's withdrawal as a one-third owner of BDB does not fundamentally alleviate the competition concerns because its programming line-up will form the core of BDB's service. Peter Rogers, chief executive of the ITC, said that BDB's original business plan noted that BSkyB "stood to gain more from the supply of programmes than it did as a shareholder".

The ITC awarded the digital licences to BDB because it believed it "offered a greater degree of assurance that the proposed services could established and maintained". It noted that Carlton and Granada were large, well-funded companies and that their programming would "appeal to broad audiences". But the ITC praised DTN for "innovative" programming ideas, which included a variety of specialty, learning and interactive channels.

Sir Robin Biggam, chairman of the ITC, admitted that DTN had been denied the licence even though its programmes were better. "On balance the ITC was more attracted by the innovative programme proposals designed to appeal principally to a wide range of different audiences which were put forward by DTN," he said. However, he added that BDB had submitted a more realistic expenditure plan.

BDB's £300 million investment will be used to subsidise the set-top boxes that viewers will require to receive the channels, and to launch a national marketing campaign. This will probably coincide with the launch of BSkyB's digital satellite channels.

The launch of digital TV in satellite, cable and terrestrial form will trigger a consumer electronics bonanza. Manufacturers are already producing digital set-top boxes in preparation for next year's launch and are designing wide-screen digital television sets that can take advantage of the clarity offered by digital signals.

Michael Green, chairman of BDB, said: "This is a great day for British television. Digital means more choice for viewers who will be able to receive extra free and subscription channels through existing aerial and television. No dish, no cable. This announcement will put Britain at the head of the worldwide digital television revolution."

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Choice of channels

Carlton Select: Mainly archive classic drama, comedy and entertainment, music and live football.

Granada Plus: Already available by satellite. Re-runs of Granada and LWT programmes such as *Coronation Street* and *Blind Date*.

Horizons: The best of the BBCs nature, science, history and technology programmes with a childrens service in the mornings.

Showcase and Style: Fashion, food and the best of BBC1 and BBC2 drama.

Granada TV Shopping: Teleshopping channel offering viewers a chance to window shop through a virtual reality store.

Public Eye: Sky News in the morning followed by films, dramas and documentaries on the theme of law and order, such as *Inspector Morse* and *Kavanagh QC*.

Sky 1: Family entertainment combining domestic and imported comedy, drama and documentry.

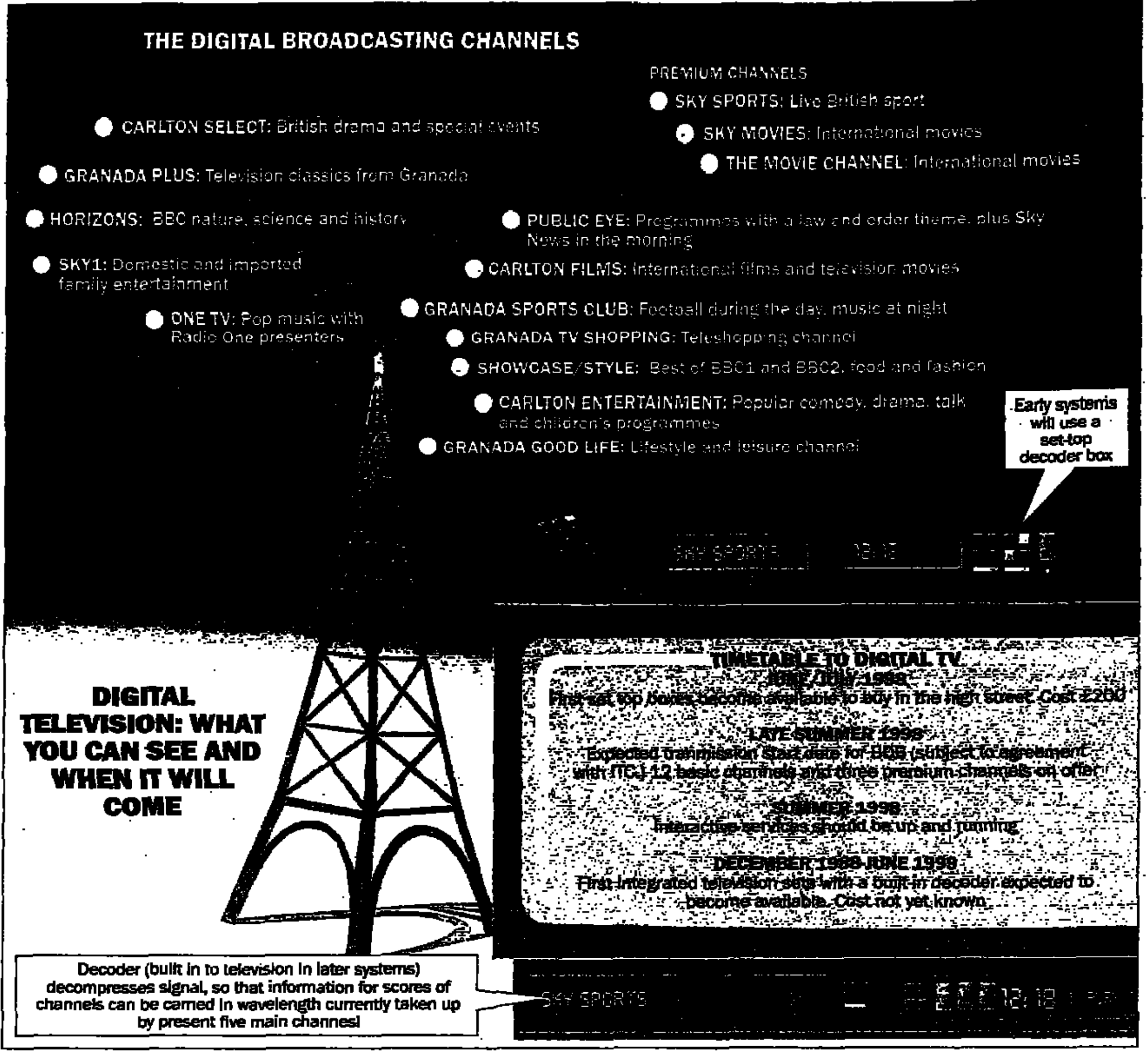
Carlton Films: Round-the-clock movie channel drawn from its Rank and Alexander Korda and Romulus libraries, which include Hitchcock thrillers and Carry On films.

Granada Good Life: Dedicated lifestyle channel covering health, fitness, interior design, gardening, cooking and motoring.

Carlton Entertainment: New entertainment channel with plans in place with major promoters for special events.

BBC One TV: A visual Radio 1 featuring DJs including Simon Mayo and Mark Radcliffe.

Granada Sports Club: A dedicated new service for football and music fans, debate, opinion, gossip and golden moments from British and international sport.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SKY1: Domestic and imported family entertainment
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ONE TV: Pop music with Radio One presenters
GRANADA SPORTS CLUB: Football during the day, music at night
GRANADA TV SHOPPING: Teleshopping channel
SHOWCASE/STYLE: Best of BBC1 and BBC2, food and fashion
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First set top boxes become available to buy in the high street. Cost £200
LATE SUMMER 1998
Expected transmission start date for BDB (subject to agreement with ITC) 12 basic channels and three premium channels on offer
SUMMER 1998
Interactive services should be up and running
DECEMBER 1998-JUNE 1999
First integrated television sets with a built-in decoder expected to become available. Cost not yet known.
Decoder (built in to television in later systems) decompresses signal, so that information for scores of channels can be carried in wavelength currently taken up by present five main channesl

£200 set-top box holds key to multichannel viewing choice

TELEVISION viewers can expect to receive their first terrestrial digital broadcasts by summer next year. They will be able to plug in to a package of 15 channels without the need for a dish or a cable connection.

Viewers will need to buy a special set-top decoder box. It works by compressing television signals, allowing scores of channels to occupy the wavelength currently taken up by the five main channels.

The set-top boxes, heavily subsidised by British Digital Broadcasting (BDB) to reduce their retail price to about £200 from a manufacturing cost of about £400, should be available to buy in the High Street shortly before the channels are launched.

Digital television will mean crisper pictures than is available from ordinary television, together with CD quality sound. With the right television sets, viewers will be able to choose from which camera angle they want to watch a football or rugby match.

The first wide-screen television sets with a built-in decoder are expected to be available late next year. For those who cannot afford a decoder, or do not want digital television, the traditional analogue signal will be continued.

The BDB decoders will receive the digital versions of ITV, BBC1, BBC2, and Channels 4 and 5, for which there will be no charge. There will be a charge for the basic subscription and premium channels, such as Sky Movies and Sky Sports. The prices have not been disclosed but are expected to be comparable to those currently charged by BSkyB for its analogue services.

BDB said in January that customers will receive all 12 basic [subscripton] channels as a "big value" package. They can then choose to subscribe to one, two or three of the premium channels. Payment will be made via a type of smart card that will be slotted into the set-top box.

Customers will also have the opportunity to use their boxes to receive interactive services, allowing them to shop, bank, book holidays and use the Internet from home. The services are to be offered by a separate company, British Interactive Broadcasting (BIB), whose owners are British Telecom, BSkyB, Midland Bank and Matsushita, owner of the Panasonic electronics brand.

Viewers who want interactive services will need to buy a separate "module", for £60 to £70, that will plug into the digital terrestrial set-top box. They will not be charged a subscriber fee for the interactive services. BIB will make money instead by charging the content providers, such as banks and retailers. A BIB spokesman said the interactive services will be available by the summer of 1998.

Cable television providers remained unimpressed. The Cable Communications Association said yesterday: "Cable customers will have access to a far greater range of services than digital can provide. Cable's interactive services will also be faster and more sophisticated, making full use of the technical advantages of fibre optic copper wire."

TIMETABLE

June-July 1998: first set-top boxes become available to buy in the High Street. Cost: £200.

July 1, 1998: anticipated tranmission start date for BDB (subject to agreement with ITC). Twelve basic channels and three premium channels.

BDB still negotiating with BIB to buy interactive services but BIB says the services will be up and running by summer 1998.

December 1998-June 1999: first integrated televisions with a built-in decoder expected to become available. Cost not yet known.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Snooker star jailed for drug smuggling

The snooker player Silvino Francisco was jailed for three years yesterday for smuggling cannabis worth £155,000 through Dover. At Canterbury Crown Court, Francisco, 50, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, admitted smuggling 47 kilograms of the drug on February 10 this year. The player, who was once ranked among the top ten in the world, was born in South Africa and won the British Open in 1985. He was declared bankrupt last year.

Driver fined

The driver of a double-decker bus that had its roof sliced off when he drove under a bridge was fined £1,000 and banned for six months for careless driving. Geoffrey Bell, 42, of Northwich, Cheshire, was cleared of dangerous driving.

Sickness noted

Civil servants each miss more than two weeks of work a year because of sickness, David Clark, the Public Service Minister, said in a Commons written reply. The number of working days' sickness absence in 1995 averaged 10.7 per person.

Festival arrests

Twenty people were arrested as police seized drugs at the Glastonbury festival site. The men were held during operations against drug pushers which have led to more than £2.5 million of drugs being seized before the festival begins on Friday.

£2m unclaimed

A National Lottery jackpot worth £1,961,000, drawn on April 9, is still unclaimed. The ticket, bought in the Crewe and Nantwich area of Cheshire, is for numbers 6, 22, 35, 42, 45 and 49. Another £33 million in smaller prizes awaits claimants.

Soft landing

A boy aged 3 who toppled from a first-floor window at his home in Leicester fell safely on to the family dog, which was dozing on the patio. Michael Peete suffered only scratches and a bumped head while Duke, a mongrel, walked away unhurt.

His Honour Judge Peter Crawford QC

A report ("New rebuke for 'kissing judge'," June 18) referred to the Court of Appeal's criticism of Judge Crawford QC over his frequent interruptions during a fraud trial. It also referred to earlier incidents for which the judge had attracted adverse attention. The report failed to make clear that the judge in question was Judge William Crawford QC, who sits on the northeastern circuit, not Judge Peter Crawford QC, the Recorder of Birmingham. We unreservedly apologise to Judge Peter Crawford QC for the embarrassment our report has caused.

Near-miss will unlock asteroid's dark secrets

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A SPACECRAFT is racing towards a near-miss on Friday with a coal-black asteroid bigger than the Isle of Man. The craft, called Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (Near), will pass within 750 miles of the asteroid Mathilde. It will take 534 pictures during the 25-minute flyby, providing the most detailed look at one of the 22,000 asteroids that orbit the Sun between Mars and Jupiter.

Mathilde was discovered in 1885 and named after the wife of Moritz Loewy, who was deputy director of the Paris Observatory at the time. Observation with telescopes has shown that it is one of the darkest objects in the solar system, reflecting only about 4 per cent of the light falling on it. "Mathilde is made of carbon-rich rock, believed by many to be the most primitive material left in the asteroid belt," said Dr Joseph Veverka, of Cornell University, who leads the Near team. "Such material has never been seen close-up by a spacecraft."

Mathilde is about 38 miles in diameter and rotates very slowly — once every 17 days. "This is really a stealth asteroid," said Donald K. Yeomans, of Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, who is a member of the Near team.

The near-miss will put a slight kink in the spacecraft's orbit as it experiences the gravitational pull of Mathilde. This will enable scientists from Nasa and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore to determine Mathilde's mass. The pictures taken by Near will enable Mathilde's size, shape, landforms, brightness and colour properties to be estimated. The data will be used to calculate the density of the asteroid. "The bulk density will provide clues as to how the asteroid formed and whether it is a monolithic structure or a collection of smaller fragments," Dr Yeomans said.

The main purpose of the Near mission is to study the asteroid Eros, which it will reach in January 1999 after passing Earth next year in a manoeuvre designed to bend its orbit. Only after that mission was planned did scientists realise that the route would allow Mathilde to be studied, too.

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The parking bay that costs £12,000

Robin Young reports on Mayfair prices in Polperro

FOUR parking bays at Polperro, the Cornish fishing village and tourist attraction, have been sold for £12,000 each. The price is equivalent to £6 million an acre, dearer than the most sought-after parts of London.

A row of five garages has been snapped up at £15,000 apiece. Polperro, built up the sides of a valley around an old harbour, is a mecca for tourists desperate for parking spaces. Many houses in the village are owned by wealthy second-homers.

The garages and outdoor parking bays have been sold by a shopkeeper whose identity is being kept secret by the estate agent, Tom Woodley. Mr Woodley admitted that even he was surprised at the price of the parking bays.

But he added: "Parking is very difficult. You cannot park in a side street because they are all too narrow and there are parking restrictions everywhere. There is a lot of money in Polperro and, for people who buy cottages to let, a parking space is the icing on the cake. It could make the difference between letting your house or not."

The 15ft by 6ft parking spaces cost £133 a square foot. No building or camping will be allowed on them and the new owner will not be able to run a business from the site. A fifth parking bay still awaits a buyer at the same price as the others.

The most expensive property in London is to be found in Berkeley Square and costs about £52 a square foot, according to the estate agents Knight Frank. The cost of a typical covered parking space in Mayfair is about £40,000. One property specialist described £133 a square foot for the outdoor spaces in Polperro as "obscenely expensive".

Villagers seemed to agree. Roy Toms, a butcher, said: "These prices are a bit much. The real villagers will not be able to afford them."

Jim Beddoes owns the 700-space car park at the top of the village which is used by most day-trippers and tourists. He said: "I do an annual rent of £100 a year for locals, with an individual parking space with a chain across it. If you bought one of the spaces being sold in the village, you would have to live a long time to get your £12,000 back — 120 years, in fact."

☐ A *motorist* plagued by thieves and vandals has been given a safe personal parking space by her council. Anne Moore's car has been targeted five times in council car parks in the past two years.

The final straw came when thieves jacked up her Ford Escort on bricks and stole the wheels. Mrs Moore, who works for a stockbroking firm, complained to council officials at Norwich and has been allocated a bay next to the car park's security centre.

MARC HILL

View of the bay: a Polperro car space sold for the equivalent of £133 a square foot. Property in Berkeley Square costs £52 a square foot

Saturday in THE TIMES

PLAYING TO WIN

Michelle Pfeiffer on motherhood, movies and men

MAGAZINE

Lesbian couples 'are best parents'

By Ian Murray

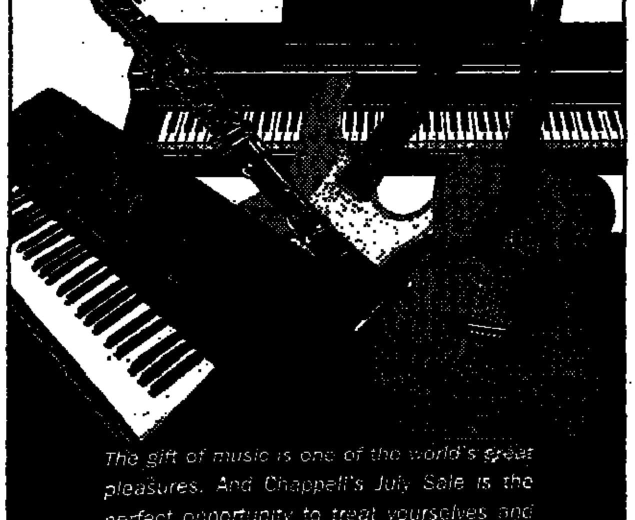
LESBIAN couples make the best parents, according to a survey by psychologists from Britain, The Netherlands and Belgium.

They found that children brought up by lesbians formed better relationships with their second "social" mothers than children in conventional families formed with their fathers. The study said that both boys and girls raised with lesbians were well adjusted.

The research, presented yesterday to the European Conference on Human Reproduction in Edinburgh, was based on research among nearly 100 families of three different types: one of lesbian mothers with children conceived by donor insemination, another of heterosexual couples who had had fertility treatment, and the third of couples who had had children naturally. The children were all aged between four and eight.

The answers revealed that the overall quality of family relationships did not differ, but that the interaction between the social lesbian mother and child "was superior to that of the father and the child in both types of heterosexual family".

THE SUMMER SALE



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Newnham chief stands by job for transsexual

By Emma Wilkins

SENIOR staff and students at Newnham College united yesterday in support of the transsexual physicist who has become a fellow of the all-female college. Rachel Padman, who was born male, was a distinguished and highly valued member of the Cambridge college, Onora O'Neill, Newnham's principal, said.

The appointment has caused dissension at the college, which was founded for women in 1871. Germaine Greer, a fellow of Newnham and member of the college's governing body, is the leading opponent of the appointment, claiming that the statutes were broken because Dr Padman is still regarded as a man under English law.

Padman: respected at women's college

Last night, in an interview with *The Times*, Dr O'Neill said that, before making the appointment last October, she examined Newnham's statutes, which stipulate that fellows must be women. After taking advice from senior lawyers and colleagues, she decided that the appointment was valid.

"Dr Padman has been accepted as a woman as a member of the scientific community for many years," Dr O'Neill said. "She has marked out a distinguished career for herself as a woman, she has a passport as a woman, and the only thing she does not have is a woman's birth certificate.

"This is an area in which the law is changing, and I consulted very widely before making the appointment. The consensus was that it did not raise legal problems, and the decision was taken that there was no legal impediment to her appointment."

Dr O'Neill said that Dr Greer was entitled to bring her concerns before the governing body, which is made up of the college's 40 fellows. "I have some sympathy with Dr Greer's view and I see what she is thinking. It is her task to present the governing body with the issues if she wants to."

The appointment is in accordance with the university's general policy on sex change. "Since the early 1970s, it has been university practice to abide by an individual's decision to change their sex, providing that the decision is taken with serious intent and after due consideration. Each case is treated with the utmost discretion," Dr O'Neill said.

Senior staff at Newnham said that they hoped Dr Padman did not feel that she had to resign. "She is a very honourable woman and she feels very strongly about the reputation of the college," one leading academic said. "We all hope she does not resign over this, as she is an excellent and well-liked colleague."

Dr Padman, 43, who carries an Australian passport giving her gender as female, won widespread support from students. Dulcie McBride, a biology student at Newnham and former president of the junior common room, said that Dr Padman was highly respected for her commitment to teaching physics. "I have spoken to a number of undergraduates and I have only heard rave reviews of Dr Padman. Everyone thinks she is a very good teacher and the students are very supportive of her. It is her qualities as a teacher that are important, not her gender. We absolutely don't want her to resign," Miss McBride said.

Denise Burford, women's officer at Cambridge University Students' Union, said: "While I fully support women-only institutions, to take the legal definition of women as sacred seems anti-feminist."

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'She has every right to be regarded as a woman'

By Mark Henderson

ONE of Britain's leading gynaecologists last night criticised Germaine Greer for her opposition to Newnham College's appointment of Rachel Padman.

Lord Winston, Professor of Fertility Studies at London University, said: "I have had a wide experience of people who have had this operation, and they have every right to be regarded as women. I find it surprising that a feminist like Germaine Greer should be concerned about this."

Lord Winston said that, although a male-to-female transsexual remained legally male, she would almost always be psychologically female and should be accepted as such. He said that biological gender was less important than psychological gender.

Dr Greer opposed Dr Padman's appointment because she is legally male and Newnham College's rules allow only female fellows. "We have driven a coach and horses through our statutes," Dr Greer said.

Lord Winston said that Dr Greer's view that sex-change operations were mutilations was "over-emotional and wrong".

Dr Greer's opinions on transsexuals are a far cry from those expressed in her 1971 book, *The Female Eunuch*, when she described April Ashley, who was born a man but had a sex-change operation, as "our sister and our symbol".

The change in stance is the latest in a catalogue of about-turns. Although she celebrated cosmetics in 1971, she said of the columnist Suzanne Moore when the two fell out in 1995: "So much lipstick must rot the brain."

She has spoken out regularly against violence against women, yet last year she described Paul Gascoigne, who admitted beating his wife, as a man of "evident generosity of spirit", who should be celebrated as a cultural icon.

Dr Greer attacked Margaret Thatcher as an enemy of feminism throughout the 1980s, but changed her mind when the former Prime Minister was ousted in 1990. "Women everywhere, including the most strident women of the Opposition, salute her," she said. "Because of her, every middle-aged woman waiting in the queue at the butcher's can tell herself that there may be a great statesperson sleeping within her."

ROSS PARRY

Stevan Popovic with his wife Dragica and their grandchildren Joseph and Kathryn

Mugger who killed partisan war hero is jailed for life

By Russell Jenkins

A MUGGER with a ten-year record of violent crime was sentenced yesterday to life imprisonment for murdering a 74-year-old Second World War resistance hero.

Clive Jones, 26, of Gipton, Leeds, looked on Stevan Popovic as easy prey when the retired bus driver with a weak heart took a wrong turning in his ageing Lada car and ended up in a back street of Chapeltown, an area notorious for crime.

Jones, who was identified by his distinctive hairstyle at the time, called Cane Row plaits and resembling a pineapple, struck on Easter Saturday last year. Mr Popovic had become lost and tried to reverse in an alley. Ignoring the old man's screams, Jones hauled him from his car and beat him.

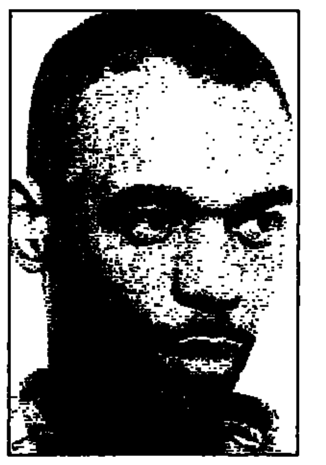
Leeds Crown Court was told that Jones had convictions for robbery and assault dating back to 1987. In 1990 he was sentenced at Birmingham to 30 months in a young offenders' institution for robbing prostitutes' clients.

Witnesses heard Mr Popovic shouting "Help me" but Jones threatened him with a knife, kicked him to the ground and ordered: "Give me the money. I am going to kill you." He robbed the victim of his watch, wedding ring and £50.

Mr Popovic tried to run alongside as the car was driven away and was dragged along by his wrist, which was trapped in the driver's window. Eventually his hand came free and he collapsed in the road.

He suffered eight fractures to his ribs and severe injuries to wrists, legs and head and died three hours later from a heart attack in St James's University Hospital.

Jones told the court that he had found the Lada abandoned and afterwards spent 45 minutes with a policeman's wife. But the prosecution presented an abundance of forensic science evidence linking him to the crime.



Jones: drove off with victim trapped by arm

Mr Popovic, a grandfather and a leading member of the Serbian community in the North West, had set out to pick up a friend from the Adriatic Hotel in Chapeltown, to attend a meeting of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Leicester.

Mr Popovic, known as Uncle Pop to his friends in Shaw, near Oldham, where he lived, helped refugees in Yugoslavia to flee to the West from the Communist regime. When Hitler invaded in 1941, he took to the mountains to join the Chetniks in their guerrilla campaign, a role for which he was decorated. After the war, the university graduate fled his homeland in the Krajina region — now part of Croatia — for a new life in the West. He came to Britain with £1 in his pocket and was reunited with his sweetheart Dragica, whom he had met in a German refugee camp in 1943.

The couple, hard-working and deeply religious, were married in Rochdale on January 19, 1952. They had two sons, Milan, now 43, and Aleks, 40. Mr Popovic worked first as a baker and then on buses, as a conductor and a driver. Ill health forced his retirement at the age of 59.

He was vice-chairman of the Association of Serbian Chetniks in England and Wales. More than 300 Serbs attended his funeral.

After his death, Mrs Popovic, 66, described Britain as a place which provided a refuge but which had changed for the worse. Yesterday she said: "My husband was a brave man who fought for his beliefs during the war. He would want us to carry on with our lives, but we will never forget him or what he stood for."

Sixth form high-flyers refused degree interviews

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

HIGH-FLYING independent school sixth-formers are being rejected for university places in growing numbers without so much as an interview, according to a survey published yesterday.

Almost 500 top-rated candidates from leading schools, many expected to achieve straight As at A level, were turned down before receiving their results. The trend represents a 20 per cent increase on last year, when the schools said that some universities appeared to be biased against the independent sector.

In some cases, candidates expected to achieve four As at A level were rejected by medical schools. National prize-winners and a member of the British team at last year's Biology Olympiad were among others who had to rely on clearing or switch to another subject to win a degree place.

The survey, carried out in 165 schools belonging to the two leading independent school associations, found a 33 per cent increase in the schools concerned about university entrance. Medicine, English and law were the subjects most likely to produce unexpected rejections.

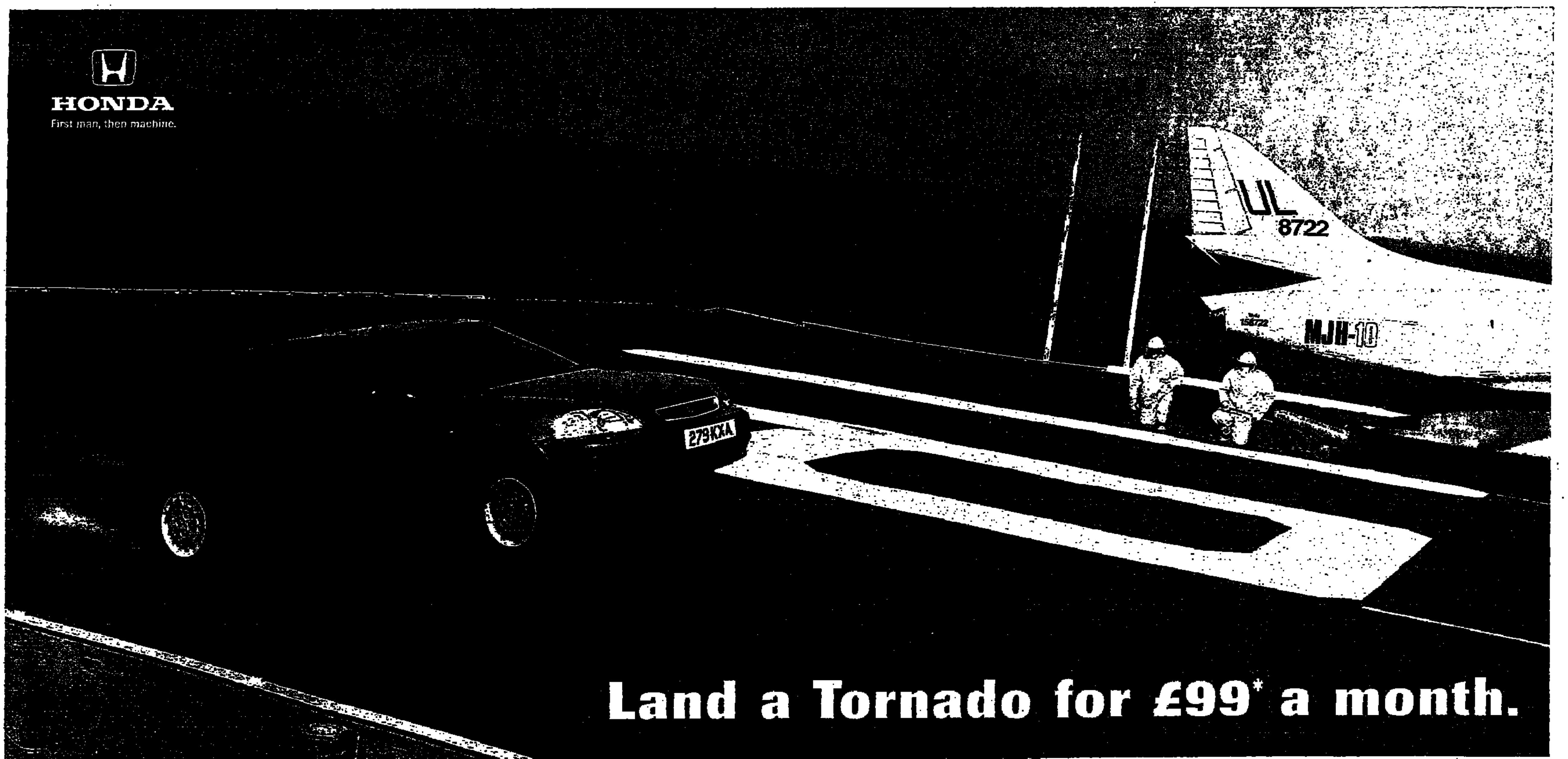
Head teachers complained that the sheer volume of applications in some subjects was preventing admissions officers from considering candidates fully. Some universities were thought to be operating "hidden criteria", such as the number of top GCSE grades required.

Janet Lawley, the Headmistress of Bury Grammar School, in Lancashire, who co-chaired the working party carrying out the research, said: "Most students do obtain a place, but the pressure on places in some subjects means that too much is left to chance."

The schools are still pressing for university places to be allocated on the basis of actual A levels, rather than predictions. They are hoping that Sir Ron Dearing's review of higher education, to be published next month, will renew the pressure on universities to alter the system.

Applications for university places are up again this year, especially in popular subjects. English, for example, has attracted 12.5 per cent more applications than in 1996.

Jess Enderby, a spokesman for the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, said: "The pressure on the most popular areas is such that universities do not have the time to interview large numbers of candidates."



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Poverty gap widens for class of 1970

Poorest of a generation are trapped in deprivation while privileged prosper even more, **Alexandra Frean** reports

THE gulf between the haves and the have-nots is growing among men and women born in 1970, with the emergence of a new underclass "trapped in a vicious downward spiral" on the margins of society.

A study of 9,000 people born in the same week 26 years ago paints a picture of a fractured and increasingly polarised society in which the children of well-off parents prosper, while those from less privileged backgrounds sink further into poverty and social deprivation.

The survey, conducted by researchers at City University in London also shows that people who have had children by the age of 26 are far more likely than their peers to have a low standard of living and poor job prospects.

Professor John Bynner, director of the Social Statistics Research Unit at the university, which has followed the progress of the 9,000 since their birth, said that the children of 1970 could be divided into three distinct groups — those who were getting on, with degrees and good jobs; those who were getting by, with few qualifications and at the mercy of economic conditions; and those who were getting nowhere, without qualifications and on benefit.

The inability of some in the most disadvantaged group to steer their lives successfully and cope well was associated with increasing depression, anxiety and despair, the study shows. This had deepened their sense of social exclusion.

Elsa Ferri, co-author of the report, said that the survey showed a marked difference in prospects for the poorest groups from previous generations, in particular those born in 1958, now aged 39, for whom a similar study had been conducted.

Poor performance in school among the 1970 babies and the vast reduction in the number of manual and unskilled jobs were partly to blame. The availability of work for the unskilled of the older generation meant they had not been without hope, or marginalised so completely.

Ms Ferri said that the "Getting Nowhere" group should now become the focus of government policy. "There are the people who have not been able to cope with the tremendous changes to society. They are beoming marginalised by society and need to be provided with the means to rejoin it," she said.

To get back into the mainstream of society, they needed to be provided with adequate skills and training, which would equip them for the needs of a rapidly changing labour market. "A lot of these people who did the YTS (Youth Training Scheme), but it did not work. It tended to serve as a warehousing function, keeping kids off the steets rather than being a genuine ladder to a job," she said.

The findings of the survey will strike a chord with the new Government, which has made it a priority to end benefit dependency and get the long-term young unemployed and lone parents back into work. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and David Blunkett, the education secretary, are hosting a breakfast meeting today for 40 heads of industry, to brief them about the Government's welfare-to-work plans.

☐ When a woman takes a full-time job, the typical male partner will increase his contribution to housework by one hour a week, according to the British Household Panel Survey. In sharp contrast, if a man gets a full-time job, having previously not had any paid work, his partner increases her contribution to the housework by about five hours a week.

Professor Richard Berthoud, co-author of the report, said: "The overall implication seems to be that, where both husband and wife go out to work, the woman is still expected to come home and make his tea."

Getting On

This group comprises high-flyers with a degree and middle-class parents. They tend to live alone or with friends and have postponed marriage and parenthood until later in life. Well-qualified, able 26-year-old women are as likely to be in high-powered jobs as their peers.

Getting By

These people are the barometer of the boom and bust economy. They have few qualifications and tend to be in jobs with limited prospects, working long hours for modest wages.

They do well if the labour market is expanding and have gained from the expansion in the service sector, but lose out during recession.

Most are in committed, long-term relationships. Those with children are likely to be struggling financially.

Getting Nowhere

This significant minority includes people who left school with no qualifications and went on training schemes followed by temporary jobs and periods of unemployment. Most are on benefits and many became parents at a very young age. The women are doubly disadantaged as they are unlikely to be able to find work and have often been deserted to bring up children on their own.

Separated by time: children born in 1970 have been split by an increasingly polarised society, with some sliding into an underclass

Women give birth later in life – or not at all

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THE trend towards later motherhood was confirmed yesterday with a study showing that women in their early thirties are more likely to have children than those in their early twenties.

While many women are waiting until they have established a career before having children, a substantial number are remaining childless. There has been an increase in childless women, with almost one in four having no children compared with one in ten in the early Sixties.

But the most marked trend has been the increase in fertility rates for women in their thirties since the 1970s as the proportion of women in the workplace has risen, according to the latest edition of *Population Trends* from the Office of National Statistics.

John Craig, who analysed the findings, said: "Fertility rates for women aged 20 to 24 have been falling steadily since the 1970s. At one time the rate for the 20-24 group was far above the rate of the 30-34 group."

His study found that in 1994 the number of live births per thousand women was 90 for those aged 30-34 compared with 80 for women aged 20-24. Women in their late thirties are also producing more children than those aged 15-19. There are 38 births per thousand in the older group, compared with 25 in the younger group.

The number of women remaining childless is also having an effect on the trend towards smaller families. Women born in the mid-1930s have an average family of 2.45 children, compared with 2.0 children for women born in 1955. For those born in the late 1960s the figure is expected to fall to 1.85, and to 1.8 for women born after 1975.

The study found that four in ten marriages end in divorce and the break-up rate among couples living together was even higher. About 28 per cent of all children will, before they are aged 16, have the experience of their natural parents parting.

***Population Trends* (Stationery Office, £16.50)**

Half of Britons 'will have cancer in next 20 years'

By Ian Murray, medical correspondent

THE number of people with cancer will rise by two thirds in the next 20 years, according to a study which predicts that the number of cases diagnosed each day will be more than 1,000.

At present one person in three is at risk of developing cancer during their life, but over the next 20 years the proportion will rise to one in two. The figure excludes non-melanoma skin cancer, which currently accounts for 30,000 cases a year, because it is usually treatable.

The researchers, from the East Anglian Cancer Intelligence Unit at Cambridge University, give three reasons for the predicted increase. One is the growth in the number of elderly people, who are more prone to the disease. Another is that improved treatment means more people are living with cancer.

The third reason is a surge in cases of particular types of cancer. The risk of men developing prostate cancer is forecast to triple, affecting one in four of the male population by 2018. Breast cancer is expected to affect one woman in seven in 20 years' time instead of about one in ten.

Lung cancer is expected to drop among men, from one in seven to under one in ten, because smoking has declined. Among women, however, lung cancer is expected to double to one in five. This is because women took up smoking on a large scale 20 to 30 years after men, and the incidence of this type of cancer among them is catching up. The research was conducted for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

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Lawrence family win race violence inquiry

Questions will be asked of police and prosecutors, **Stewart Tendler** writes

AN INQUIRY into racial violence and the way it is handled by the police and prosecuting authorities is expected to be set up by the Government after the killing of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, wants the proposed investigation to be headed by a judge, but it will not have the status of a full judicial inquiry nor be a review of the murder.

Mr Straw told the parents of Stephen Lawrence at a meeting in the Home Office yesterday that there was a strong case for an inquiry into the killing of their son at a bus stop in Eltham, southeast London, in April, 1993. The family have strongly criticised the police and prosecution authorities for their failure to secure a conviction for the death of Stephen, 18.

It is understood that any inquiry will not focus exclusively on Stephen's death, but will use his killing as a starting point to look at the way the authorities reacted. Mr Straw told Neville and Doreen Lawrence, the dead teenager's parents, that he hoped to be able to make an announcement about it before the summer recess next month. But first he must secure support from the Prime Minister and from his other senior Cabinet colleagues.

The family have said the inquiry must address the role of the police after the Crown Prosecution Service dropped charges against two white youths and a private prosecution collapsed when the evidence of a key witness was ruled inadmissible. Earlier this year an inquest jury returned a verdict of unlawful killing by a gang of white youths in an unprovoked racial attack.

The Home Secretary said in his statement yesterday that the case could not be left to rest. A strong case had been made by Mrs Lawrence for some form of inquiry and he would carefully consider other issues raised during the meeting and reflect upon the best way to address widespread concern resulting from the case.

Mr Straw had met the family while he was an Opposition MP and yesterday he paid tribute to Mrs Lawrence's determination and courage. He said he had been deeply moved by the family's account of the circumstances surrounding the murder.

The family want the case to be examined by a judicial inquiry which would question the police and the Crown Prosecution Service. Home Office sources suggested any inquiry was likely to be far more wide-ranging and would look at issues such as racially motivated crime and relations between police and ethnic communities.

If the Home Secretary decides on an inquiry, he has a number of options. Instead of appointing a High Court judge, Mr Straw could set up an inquiry chaired by a senior lawyer or a distinguished layman. The inquiry could hear evidence in public or private.

After yesterday's meeting Imran Khan, the Lawrence family's solicitor, said: "We are hopeful that he will conclude that an inquiry is necessary. I think we all came away feeling very positive that we will have some inquiry."

Mrs Lawrence was less certain about the form the inquiry would take. She said that she believed an inquiry was now the only way that the truth about Stephen's death could be established, but she was not optimistic.

"There was no clear indication," she said. "He said that, from what we put to him, there was a case, but where he is going to go with it, I have no idea."

ANDRÉ CAMARA

Stephen Lawrence's parents, Neville and Doreen, yesterday. They brought an unsuccessful private prosecution

Solicitor guilty of dishonesty over Levitt loan

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

A LEADING financial solicitor was guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation when he helped the disgraced City tycoon Roger Levitt to negotiate a multimillion-pound loan to buy into Arsenal Football Club, three Court of Appeal judges ruled yesterday.

The judges, headed by Lord Justice Nourse, reversed a decision by Mr Justice Knox in the High Court that William Binks, senior partner in Binks Stern, was not involved in dishonesty.

The City merchant bankers Henry Ansbacher lent Levitt £2.5 million in September 1990 after receiving a letter from Mr Binks confirming that the financier was selling stakes in Levitt Group to two leading insurance companies.

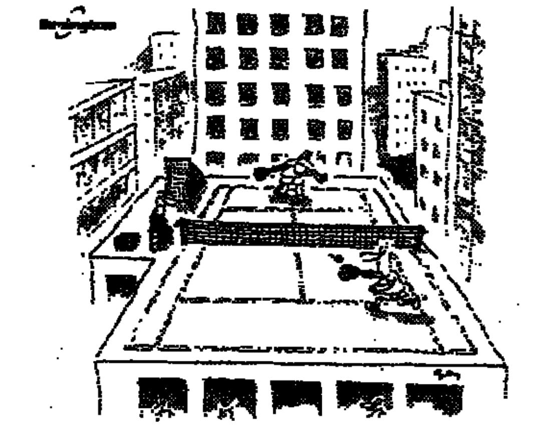
But the appeal judges found that Mr Binks, who acted for Levitt in the transactions, knew that the contracts had been completed months earlier and that their security value was nil. Three months later the Levitt Group collapsed, with debts estimated by the Official Receiver at up to £51 million.

Levitt resigned as chairman and chief executive of the company, which had 18,000 clients. Once listed as one of the 100 richest men in the country, he was made bankrupt and accused of stealing £20 million from his clients. He was sentenced to 180 hours' community service after admitting lesser charges at Southwark Crown Court.

The solicitors were yesterday given 21 days to repay the loan to Ansbacher's with interest, a total of £3.8 million. Binks Stern said it was planning an appeal to the House of Lords. Mr Binks, who retired from Binks Stern in 1992 aged 70, was insured against the liability.

Lord Justice Nourse said that Mr Justice Knox had acted out of "natural sympathy" for Mr Binks and had "failed to appreciate the inevitable consequence of his findings that Mr Binks knew that the representation that he was still acting for Mr Levitt in relation to the share sale agreements was untrue".

The appeal judges said the bank partly relied on Mr Binks's letter, which was never withdrawn or corrected, to make their decision over the loan. After Levitt was exposed as a "fraudulent rogue", Ansbachers lost the money they had lent to him in the ensuing bankruptcy.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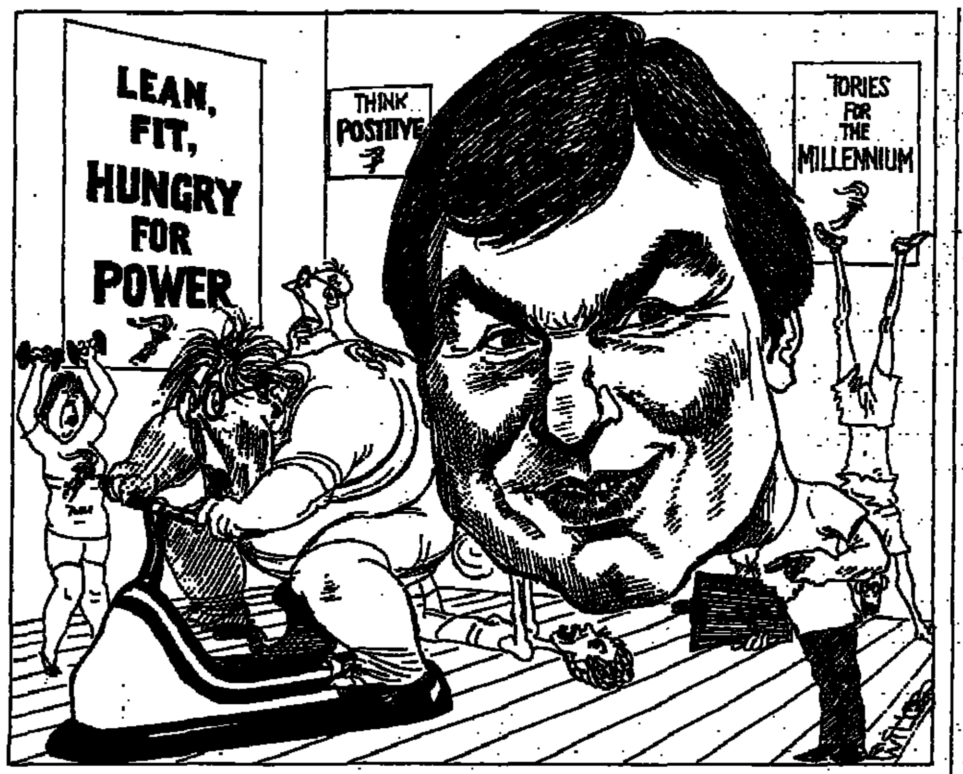
Asda boss gets job of revitalising Tory headquarters

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



THE man who transformed the fortunes of the loss-making Asda supermarket chain has been given the task of performing a similar operation on Conservative Central Office.

Archie Norman, the newly elected Tory MP for Tunbridge Wells, was appointed a party vice-chairman yesterday. He already has plans to modernise the party headquarters, details of which were was shown to William Hague and two of the other leadership contenders before the final round of voting last week. The Norman plan is now at the top of the Opposition leader's in-tray.

Central Office is deeply in debt, has no control over the actions of its local associations, and has no up-to-date party memebrship list. Mr Norman has been asked by Mr Hague to modernise the party machinery to make it an equivalent fighting force to the one mobilised by Labour at the election. He will work closely with Lord Parkinson, the new party chairman.

Mr Norman's taks is a tall order. But when he arrived at Asda in 1991 the chain was £1 billion in debt. He is now chairman and the company is a profitable market leader.

His appointment was widely welcomed on the Tory backbenches as the finishing touches was put to Mr Hague's shadow team.

Alan Duncan, who is Parliamentary Political Secretary to Mr Hague and based in his Commons office, has been made a vice-chairman. It will give him a base in Central Office and ensure a bridge between Mr Hague and the party headquarters.

There was no room for Ann Widdecombe, whose public criticism of Michael Howard, the Shadow Foreign secretary, helped to destroy his party leadership ambitions.

Labour is certain to exploit the fact that only three women have been appointed to the 52 front-bench posts. But there were only 13 women Tory MPs to choose from, compared with the 101 Labour women MPs. Miss Widdecombe, who was ideally qualified to fill one of the posts, was ruled out because of her attack on Mr Howard.

Three victims of Tory sleaze in the last Parliament have been rehabilitated. David Willetts, who resigned as Paymaster General shortly before the general election after being accused of dissembling to a Commons committee, has been appointed as a junior employment spokesman. He would have been given a Shadow Cabinet post had he not fallen foul of the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee.

Tim Yeo, who stood down as a minister over the disclosure that he had fathered a child outside his marriage, is Sir Norman Fowler's deputy at Environment, Transport and the Regions. Mr Yeo was a big influence on the Hague campaign team and brought over many MPs on the Left.

Patrick Nicholls, who resigned as vice-chairman of the party, has been given his third and possibly final comeback chance. He resigned as a junior Environment Minister at the 1990 Tory Party conference after being charged with drink-driving. He was brought back by John Major as a vice-chairman but stood down in 1994 after publishing an attack on "German warmongers and French collaborators".

The new team was also conspicuous by its omissions. There was no room for Nicholas Soames, the larger-than-life former Defence Minister. David Maclean, who was Michael Howard's deputy at the Home Office, has also been left out at his own request. David Davis, the aggressive former Foreign Office Minister, made clear that he did not want a job. He is working on a book about the future of the Tory Party.

One of the biggest mysteries is the absence of the Thatcherite Eric Forth, who was Minister of State at the Department for Education and Employment. As the manager of Peter Lilley's campaign team, who made an effortless switch to William Hague in round two, he might have expected a Shadow Cabinet post. But he was offered only a junior position, which he rejected. "I think I can make a positive contribution on the back benches," he said.

Another surprise exclusion was John Whittingdale, a former political secretary to Margaret Thatcher. He was instrumental in securing the endorsement of the former Prime Minister for Mr Hague on the third round.

William Hague's frontbench team

■ William Hague, the Conservative Party leader, has assembled his frontbench team as follows (Shadow Cabinet members in bold):

Party leader	**William Hague**
Treasury	**Peter Lilley**
Shadow Chief Secretary	**David Heathcoat-Amory**
	Tim Boswell
Home Affairs	**Brian Mawhinney** James Clappison John Greenway
Foreign Affairs	**Michael Howard** Gary Streeter David Faber
Internat. Development	**Alastair Goodlad**
Health	**John Maples** Michael Jack
Social Security	**Iain Duncan Smith** Simon Burns
Education and Employment	**Stephen Dorrell**
	David Willetts (employment) Angela Browning (education)
Constitutional affairs, Scotland and Wales	**Michael Ancram**
	Liam Fox Nigel Evans Bernard Jenkin
Northern Ireland	**Andrew Mackay** Ian Taylor
Trade and Industry	**John Redwood** Michael Fallon Cheryl Gillan
National Heritage	**Francis Maude** Patrick Nicholls
Defence	**Sir George Young** Robert Key
Environment Transport and the Regions	**Sir Norman Fowler**
	Tim Yeo Christopher Chope
Agriculture	**David Curry** James Paice
Shadow Leader of the Commons	**Gillian Shephard**
Deputy	Sir Patrick Cormack
Lord Chancellor's Department	Lord Kingsland
	Edward Garnier
Law Officer	Sir Nicholas Lyell
Chief Whip	**John Arbuthnot**
Deputy Chief Whip	Peter Ainsworth
Pairing whip	Patrick McLoughlin
Other whips	Richard Ottaway Malcolm Moss
Shadow Leader of the Lords	**Viscount Cranborne**
Chief Whip House of Lords	**Lord Strathclyde**
Party chairman	**Lord Parkinson**
Deputy chairman	Michael Trend
Vice-chairmen	Alan Duncan Archie Norman

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: from 9.30am, backbench debates; from 2.30pm, international development questions; questions to the Prime Minister; debate initiated by Tories on future of London Underground; debate initiated by Tories on charging for NHS services; backbench debate on Gulf War syndrome. In the Lords: debate on electoral reform.

What now for new Labour's lobby troops?

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

You are a new Labour MP, the euphoria of victory on May 1 has worn off, you have found your way round Westminster, you have delivered your maiden speech, you have just about organised your Commons office and your constituency surgeries. The novelty of sitting on the green benches is beginning to wane and it is getting a bit tedious trooping through the hot and crowded division lobbies to give the Government a majority of 200 or more. What do you do now?

Your friendly Whips' Office has an answer. Instead of the rough and tough disciplinarians of the late 1970s, we now have the caring and sharing social workers of the late 1990s. They send friendly messages of information and thanks to you via personal pagers. Events are organised to make you and other newcomers feel wanted and to keep you in touch with ministers, who solicitously seek your advice. And, now, roughly fifty new MPs a week are being allowed off from Westminster to spend time in their constituencies and with their families. But is this really what being elected to the Commons is all about?

The Government has an ambivalent view of Parliament. Nick Brown and Peter Mandelson have made it plain that MPs were elected to implement a new Labour platform. But, at the same time, the Government is committed to reforming the parliamentary procedures.

Ann Taylor, Leader of the Commons, yesterday set out some of the Government's ideas on handling legislation. She has a number of welcome proposals for improving scrutiny, including more extensive consultation by government in preparation of Bills and more systematic examination by the Commons and its committees once a Bill has been published. There is merit in trying to identify practical flaws as early as possible and also in monitoring later implementation more closely.

But as in all ministerial inspired proposals for reform there is a tension between allowing the Government to get through its legislation more smoothly and strengthening the role of Parliament. It is implicit in Mrs Taylor's paper that the Government, rather than the Commons, will decide whether new Bills will be subject to more extensive scrutiny and inquiries by MPs. She has said elsewhere that these procedures might be suitable for Bills that are not the subject of fierce party divisions. But it is often the big controversial Bills that should be scrutinised more closely. The parties may not agree on the broad thrust of the measures, but there is still a role for Parliament to see if even bitterly contested Bills can be made to work better in practice.

The Commons works on a fine balance of the Government's majority (at present huge and certain), the Opposition's right to have its say and informal conventions. For instance, for the past 50 years it has been accepted that Bills of "first-class constitutional importance" have all their stages on the floor of the House to ensure full scrutiny. But Mrs Taylor tentatively suggested "a more flexible" approach whereby parts of such Bills would be scrutinised off the floor by a standing committee. This will be fiercely resisted by the Tories. They have a point, but it is the wrong one. Mrs Taylor's idea should not be dismissed out of hand, but should form part of a more general review of how Parliament considers constitutional Bills.

At present, Commons reform is being examined in a piecemeal way. But a broader view is necessary — of the wood as well as the trees — looking at the interests of Parliament and the Opposition, and of whether we want MPs to take seriously the work of scrutiny as well as obediently trooping through the lobbies. There could even be something for all the new MPs to do at Westminster, as well as in their constituencies.

PETER RIDDELL

Tories condemn debate change

THE Government hinted yesterday that it will curtail debate and breach parliamentary convention over the passage of its Scottish and Welsh devolution measures through the House of Commons (James Landale writes).

Ann Taylor, Leader of the Commons, said that the Government's constitutional Bills might not be discussed at committee stage by all MPs on the floor of the chamber. In a memorandum to the Modernisation Committee, which is considering changes to Commons procedure, she suggested that they would receive better scrutiny if considered by a limited number of MPs in a standing committee.

The Tories fiercely oppose the move, which they say would stifle debate. Liam Fox, an opposition spokesmen on constitutional affairs, said it was a sign of the Government's arrogance.

The committee stages of constitutional Bills are normally debated on the floor the House because MPs feel they should all have a say on issues of such importance. But ministers are concerned that the Tories could use the process to clog up the Government's parliamentary business.

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Pots and trams join giants of museum world

By Lin Jenkins

SOME of the country's smallest museums, featuring collections ranging from trams to pottery, yesterday found themselves elevated to a "premier league" alongside such institutions as the Ashmolean and the Courtauld Gallery.

Twenty-six museums have been awarded a place on the list in recognition of their excellence. They include the National Tramway Museum at Crich, Derbyshire, and the collection on the history of pottery in England at the Stoke-on-Trent Museum.

The Wordsworth Trust, at the poet's former home at Grasmere in the Lake District, and the Rural History Centre in Reading are also on the list announced by Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, yesterday. It will eventually be extended to 50.

Among the better known institutions joining the Ashmolean in Oxford and the Courtauld in London are the Manchester City Art Galleries, the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust in Shropshire, and the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, Hampshire.

As he presented the first designation certificate to the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden, London, Mr Smith said the scheme would help to focus attention on England's outstanding museums and enable them to attract funding from the lottery and other sources.

"All kinds of museums are represented. Some are large institutions with a wide variety of collections. Others are small and more focused in a particular field," he said. He added that it was unlikely that they would receive much money from the Government.

"What designation brings is a status which makes museums attractive for a range of different funding, some of which may be in the private sector or the public sector, or the semi-public sector such as lottery money."

The 26 institutions include ten science and technology collections and nine social history museums, as well as archaeology, fine arts, decorative arts and natural science displays.

They cover a wide geographic area: the Tyne and Wear Museum was recognised for its representation of local industries; the Horniman Museum in south London for its musical instrument and ethnographic collections. A Heritage Department spokesman said that the Jewish Museum in Camden, north London, although small, held collections crucial to the understanding of Jewish ritual in this country.

Timothy Mason, director of the Museums and Galleries Commission, said that museums had waited a long time for a scheme that recognised the importance of some of the best collections in England. "It is a celebration of some of the superb museums that we have. It is particularly good to see it is not only the big museums which are being recognised, but some of the smaller ones which are nevertheless important. These collections should be a source of local pride for the community."

Mr Smith said that as well as expanding the scheme to include a maximum of 50 "pre-eminent" museums, work was also beginning on a scheme to recognise smaller museums with local importance.

CHARGES

The Government is to review charging arrangements at national museums to try to ensure they reach "the widest possible audience". Mark Fisher, a Minister at the Department of National Heritage, said the Government was concerned at the growth of entry charges. Ministers want to know why some museums, such as the Victoria and Albert and the Natural History Museum, have a fee, while the British Museum, for example, does not.

The Premier League

- **National Motor Museum**, Beaulieu, Hampshire
- **Birmingham Museum**
- **Brighton and Hove Art Gallery and Museum**
- **Fitzwilliam Museum**, Cambridge
- **Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology**
- **Whipple Museum of the History of Science**, Cambridge
- **The Bowes Museum**, Barnard Castle, Co Durham
- **The North of England Open Air Museum**, Beamish, Co Durham
- **National Tramway Museum**, Crich, Derbyshire
- **Devizes Museum**, Wiltshire
- **Wordsworth Trust**, Grasmere, Cumbria
- **Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust**, Shropshire
- **Leeds Museums and Galleries**
- **Courtauld Gallery**, London
- **Dulwich Picture Gallery**, London
- **Horniman Museum**, London
- **Jewish Museum**, London
- **London Transport Museum**
- **Museum of London**
- **Manchester City Art Galleries**
- **Museum of Science and Industry**, Manchester
- **The Manchester Museum**
- **The Whitworth Art Gallery**, Manchester
- **Ashmolean Museum**, Oxford
- **Museum of the History of Science**, Oxford
- **Oxford University Museum of Natural History**
- **Pitt Rivers Museum**, Oxford
- **The Mary Rose Trust**, Portsmouth
- **Rural History Centre**, Reading
- **Stoke-on-Trent Museum**
- **Tyne and Wear Museum**
- **York Museum**

TONY WHITE

Puttnam in standards drive

Sir David Puttnam, the film producer who has been appointed to the Government's Standards Task Force, visited St Vincent de Paul Primary School in central London yesterday with *David Blunkett*, the Education Secretary and chairman of the task force, which the two men were launching (David Charter writes). Sir David said that, like many who had returned to study at night school, including Mr Blunkett, he was a "zealot" for education. Sir David left school at 16 on the advice of his headmaster, with four O levels, and later studied nine subjects at evening classes. He has been awarded honorary doctorates by six British universities for his film work. He said yesterday that he would use his expertise and contacts to further the task force's aim of spreading good teaching practice in the three Rs. The group also includes teachers, academics, education officers and a businessman.

Ferryman wins reward for finding Roman sculpture

By Shirley English

A FERRYMAN who stumbled across the Roman sculpture of a lioness on the banks of a Scottish river has been given a five-figure finder's reward.

Robert Graham, 37, the ferryman at Cramond, Edinburgh, was descending the ferry steps last November when he spotted a sandstone head peering out of the mud near the mouth of the Almond.

Archaeologists later found that the 5ft by 2½ft figure of a lioness devouring the head of a man had lain there for about 1,700 years and had been remarkably preserved. The size of the reward was decided by Andrew Normand, Scotland's Crown Agent, but was being kept confidential. Mr Graham confirmed that it was a five-figure sum and enough to give his family a good holiday, buy a replacement secondhand car and invest for the future of his two young children. "I am glad I was the one who found it. It is such a beautiful thing," he said.

Mr Graham, who operates Scotland's shortest ferry service, linking Cramond Village with the Earl of Rosebery's estate at Cramond, said that the nose of the lioness was just 3in from the steps. Not realising its importance, he began digging it out, thinking it "would be a nice piece for the garden". He covered it for safe keeping and forgot about it until after Christmas when he mentioned it to an amateur archaeologist.

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Robert Graham, who spotted a figure in the mud

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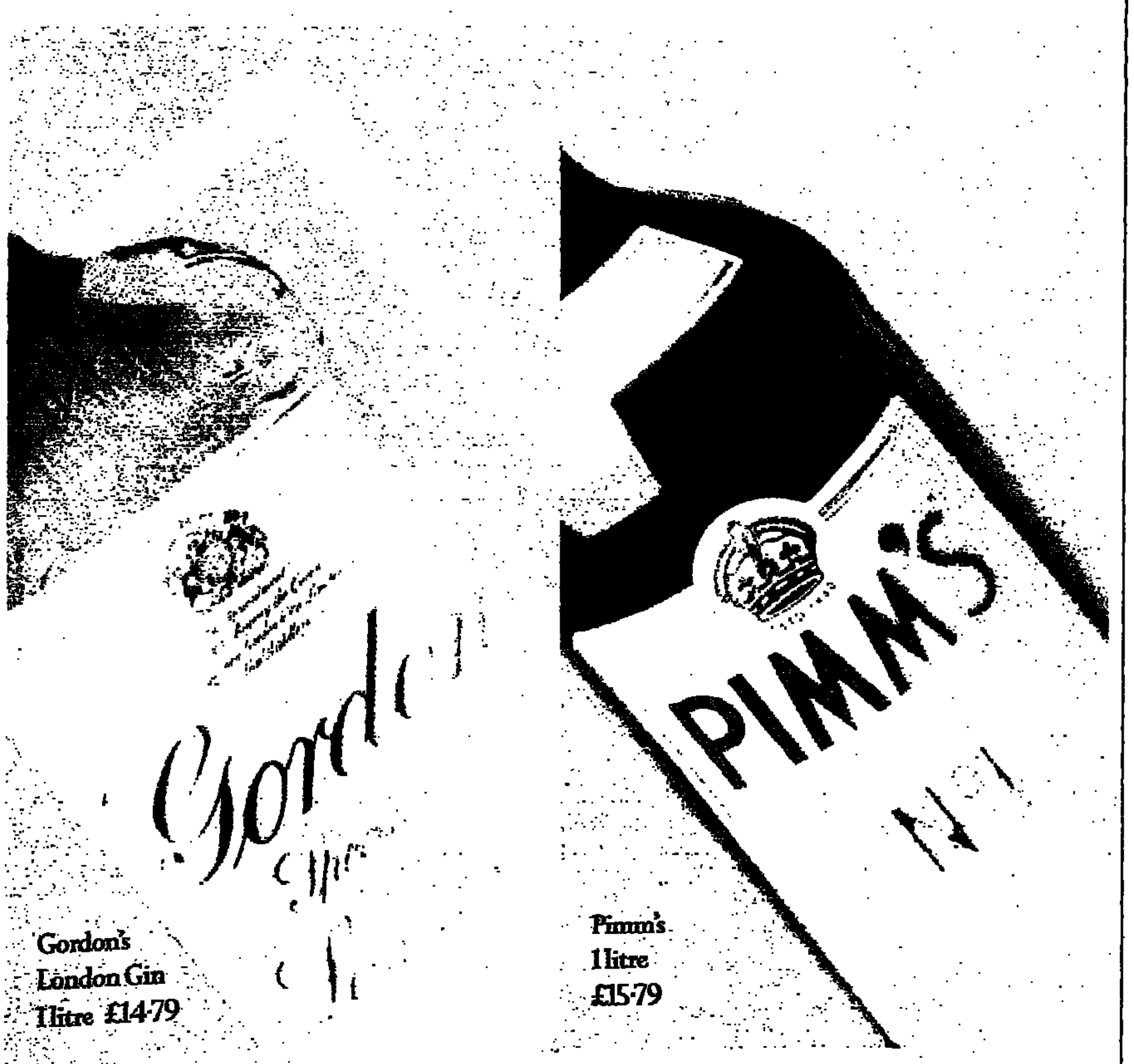

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Nato chief in new attempt to resolve row on expansion

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

JAVIER SOLANA, the Nato Secretary-General, is to make a fresh attempt today to try to break the deadlock in the alliance over which countries to invite to join the Western security organisation at its summit next month.

Nato is still divided between those that support five new members from Central and Eastern Europe and those that want only three or possibly four. Nine Nato members are pushing for five more countries to join the alliance by 1999, in defiance of America's publicly announced decision to support only Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary.

Nato diplomatic sources agreed that the search for consensus among the present 16 members of Nato on its enlargement proposals was likely to continue "right up until the Madrid summit" on July 8, when the alliance is due to invite applicant countries to start accession negotiations.

British diplomats said that this was all part of the "end-game" and that by July 8 those countries now supporting five new members in the first wave, the three named plus Romania and Slovenia, would change their tune for the sake of Nato unity.

They also said that the nine — France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Canada, Turkey, Italy, Greece, Spain and Portugal — were not all firmly committed to having five new members. At least four, they said, were flexible. However, at this stage, two weeks before the Nato summit in Madrid, only Iceland has come out firmly in favour of the US position for a first wave of three countries.

The rest of the alliance — Britain, Germany, The Netherlands, Denmark and Norway — are either prepared to back three or four or have yet to make their position clear. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, is expected to announce his country's decision next Monday.

Some Nato diplomats said that alliance members resented being dictated to by the Americans and there was a reluctance to fall in line behind the US following the announcement on June 12 that America would back only Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary for membership in the first wave.

Señor Solana tried to find a consensus last week in separate meetings with all the Nato ambassadors, described as "confessionals", but failed to mend the divisions. Further vain attempts were made by Nato government leaders at the Summit of Eight industrial countries in Denver. Now Señor Solana has arranged to consult the ambassadors again over the next few days, with the intention of reporting any progress to Nato's council next Monday.

Some hopes are being expressed that the Americans will back down in part by agreeing to let Slovenia join the alliance in the first wave. However, that was rejected by American diplomatic sources yesterday. They said that if Washington relented on Slovenia, "that would make it even worse for Romania".

Britain remains agnostic about Slovenia and is prepared to support its application, but is not keen on five new members in the first wave, fearing that it would be unmanageable.

Those supporting a larger expansion are also hoping that even if the US refuses to budge, it might agree to a form of words in the Madrid communiqué that would make clear that Romania and Slovenia would be guaranteed membership in the second wave "a year or two" after the first entrants had joined, in April 1999. But the idea of a written promise is rejected by the Americans and British.

Solana: to consult alliance ambassadors again

ANDY CLARK / REUTER

The Queen faces a crowd in Bonavista yesterday demonstrating against the treatment of natives by the English over the centuries

Queen stirs Newfoundlanders' nostalgia for Britain

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

THE biggest festival in Newfoundland history was under way yesterday after the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived in St John's to mark the 500th anniversary of British explorer John Cabot's arrival and claimed this rocky island for England and the merchants of Bristol.

A wooden copy of Cabot's ship *The Matthew*, built in Bristol over the past five years, was waiting ten miles out at sea to arrive in triumph at the fishing town of Bonavista, where Cabot is believed to have first set foot.The Federal Government is spending about £7 million on the festivities. It was criticised earlier this year but organisers are talking about tourist receipts surpassing £10 million.

There is genuine excitement for this royal visit, the first to the island since 1978 and also the 40th anniversary of the Queen's first visit to Canada in 1957. There is a particularly strong link to Britain among Newfoundlanders. The island province only joined the confederation in 1949. Before that, it was Britain's oldest colony and many Newfoundlanders still consider themselves British subjects and Canadians only by virtue of having lost the referendum that united them to Canada. If it was not for the royal visit there would be little for residents of this desperate province to celebrate. It has the highest unemployment and the lowest literacy rate in Canada and more than half its budget comes from the federal government.

On the first day of her visit in St John's the Queen planted a crab apple tree and attended an choral festival. The weather was terrible, but biting winds gusting up to 30mph along the coast and intermittent rain failed to dampen enthusiasm. Official dignitaries apologised to the Queen for the weather. She replied: "It could be worse."

Unease grows between Paris and Bonn

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

RELATIONS between France and Germany are beginning to crackle with tension.

The latest blow came yesterday with criticism by Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, of the American drive for "hegemony".

Bonn officials privately were aghast at the comments, made in the French parliament, which run counter to the strategy of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, to position an integrated Europe in a cooperative rather than a competitive relationship with Washington.

"The tone is all wrong," a Bonn official said. "This is the vocabulary of a bygone era."

The French attack on the United States comes hard on the heels of an exchange of rhetorical punches between Paris and Bonn. Yesterday a senior member of the Bavarian Christian Social Union, in alliance with Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats, suggested that economic and monetary union could be started without France if Paris failed to make the grade. That has been a taboo subject in Bonn until now; the assumption was always that a single currency without France and Germany would be meaningless.

However, Ingo Friedrich, the deputy CSU chairman, said it was "time to think the unthinkable", given that France may record a public sector deficit of at least 3.9 per cent of gross domestic product this year. That, he said, would be unacceptable. Herr Friedrich's comments came after Jacques Delors — now a Jospin adviser — attacked Germany for "arrogance" at the Amsterdam summit.

Blaskic: accused of attacks on Muslims

General on trial for war crimes

The Hague: A Bosnian Croat general, accused of directing a brutal "ethnic cleansing" campaign, yesterday became the highest-ranking suspect to go on trial at the United Nations war crimes tribunal.

Tihomir Blaskic, 36, appeared before the court charged with crimes against humanity committed against Muslims in central Bosnia between 1992 and 1994 when he was a colonel commanding Bosnian Croat (HVO) militia forces. He denies the charges.

The tribunal alleges that Blaskic, who gave his occupation as "a professional officer in the Croatian army", led ethnic cleansing drives in Bosnia's Lasva Valley region, where hundreds of civilians were killed during the destruction of villages. *(Reuter)*

US sex offenders face indefinite detention

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

ANERICAN sex offenders may be committed to mental hospitals indefinitely after they have served their prison sentence, even if they do not meet the standard criteria for psychiatric illness, the Supreme Court has ruled.

The judges' 5-4 decision upheld a 1994 Kansas law which aims to protect communities from sex offenders thought likely to reoffend when released from prison. It overturned a Kansas Supreme Court ruling that the vague definition of "mental abnormality" in the state's new Sexually Violent Predator Act was open to abuse and represented a huge infringement of individual rights.

The verdict was welcomed by California, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Arizona and Washington which have passed similar laws in the wake of public demands for greater protection from known sex offenders. Many other states may follow; a total of 38 and Washington DC joined together to urge the judges to allow sex criminals to be detained for being "abnormal" rather than the tighter standard of "ill".

Defenders of civil liberties attacked the decision yesterday, saying that it would allow states to lock up criminals who were not dangerous, that it singled out one category of criminal for unlimited detention, and that it overturned principles in place for 40 years about forcibly detaining the mentally ill.

Fred Berlin, who is the founder of the Sexual Disorders Clinic at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, said that people would no longer "be held to account only for acts they have actually committed, but now also for acts that someone else says they are going to commit".

The ruling was triggered by the case of Leroy Hendricks, a 62-year-old Kansas paedophile. He argued that he was a victim of "double jeopardy" — being punished twice for the same offence — when Kansas sent him to a state hospital for the criminally mentally ill as he was about to complete ten years of a prison sentence for molesting two 13-year-old boys in the electronics shop where he worked.

Mr Hendricks had spent about half his life in prisons or mental hospitals since committing sex offences against children in the 1950s.

The majority of the Supreme Court, led by Justice Clarence Thomas, a conservative, ruled that confinement did not constitute punishment, even if no treatment for psychiatric problems is given or is possible. He compared the case to quarantine laws which allow people to be isolated by force if they present a threat to others.

The four Supreme Court judges who disagreed with Justice Thomas argued that detention without treatment amounted to punishment.

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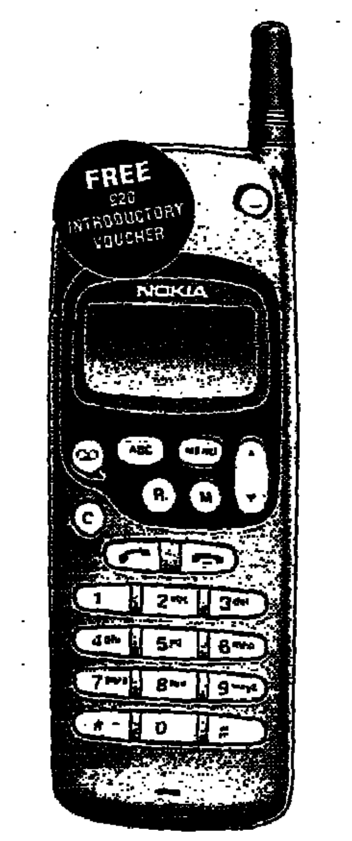

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Pentagon shoots down a UFO legend

A report aimed at silencing rumours of a UFO crash in New Mexico has failed to sway believers, **Giles Whittell** writes

THEORIES about teenage aliens, hairless chimpanzees and imported Japanese test-pilots took a serious if not fatal knock yesterday when the Pentagon published a comprehensive report aimed at silencing once and for all rumours surrounding a now legendary crash in the New Mexico desert in July 1947.

The official verdict: it was a high altitude balloon that crashed near the tiny ranching town of Roswell, not a UFO, and any bodies found next to it were life-size dummies from top-secret simulated parachute drops.

In *Roswell: Case Closed*, the result of a four-year, multi-million-dollar internal investigation, the Pentagon says a balloon trailing disc-shaped radar reflectors, used as part of the US Army's Operation Mogul to detect Soviet nuclear tests in the upper atmosphere, fell near Roswell 50 years ago next month.

As the town gears up for three days of anniversary events and an influx of 40,000 UFO enthusiasts, military officials hope their new tome will put to rest one of the century's most enduring conspiracy theories: that aliens captured after the "Roswell incident" were taken to "Area 51", an unacknowledged test site in Nevada, and have been studied there ever since.

If the myth survives, the army will only have itself to blame. On July 5, 1947, Mac Brazel, a Roswell ranch-hand, stumbled on the flimsy metallic remnants of an airborne object in a field 75 miles northwest of the town. Unable to identify them, he turned them over to the sheriff who, in turn, gave them to the Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF). Three days later an official army press release stated that the wreckage of a "flying disc" had been recovered, giving the *Roswell Daily Record* a front page now coveted and framed by "ufologists" around the world. "RAAF Captures Flying Saucer on Ranch in Roswell Region", the headline read.

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A rapid correction of the July 8 press release announcing that what had crashed was, in fact, a weather balloon satisfied the media and the wider world for decades. But it never quashed speculation in the die-hard UFO community. Sixty-five per cent of Americans now believe a UFO crashed near Roswell, according to a recent poll.

Locals claiming to have seen aliens there have come forward in droves years afterwards. W. Curry Holden, leader of an archaeological team, said he saw "a crashed airplane without wings and with a fat fuselage", and three bodies, on July 5.

Frank Kaufmannm, now 81, was a civilian employee at the airfield when he was dispatched to see what had crashed. He says he got a close look at two dead aliens. "They were very good-looking people, ash-coloured faces and skin. . . . about 5ft 5in tall, eyes a little more pronounced, small ears, small nose, fine features and hairless," he says, adding that he saw military personnel place five corpses into body bags.

Before his death in 1995, Jim Ragsdale, owner of the land on which the incident happened, vividly described for the first time having seen dead aliens and even trying to touch one. That year two black-and-white films, 18 minutes and three minutes and purporting to be of military surgeons operating on dead aliens, found their way into a British documentary on Roswell. The Pentagon dismissed both films as hoaxes. No bodies fell to earth with the Operation Mogul balloon, according to *Roswell: Case Closed*, which suggests the source of alien rumours may be photographs taken of wounded military balloon pilots.

But believers will never be dissuaded. "It's just another cover-up," the army press officer who issued the July 8, 1947, release told ABC News this week. "Any dummy knows what a dummy looks like, and those weren't dummies."

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ERIC DRAPER / AP

A model of an "alien" draws children visiting America's International UFO Museum and Research Centre at Roswell in New Mexico. A recent poll shows that 65 per cent of Americans believe a UFO crashed at Roswell

Profit out of this world for aliens industry

By Giles Whittell

Joe and Pat Travis of the Little A Le Inn reap profits from the "UFO crash" 1,000 miles away in Roswell

FOR just $15 (£10), you too can visit the patch of scrubby land where Hub and Sheila Corn swear a flying saucer crashed half a century ago. If their daughter, Kristin, is your guide, she will tell you it was piloted by errant alien youngsters on a joyride.

In Roswell, where the median household income is barely two thirds of the national average, aliens are big business. As the golden jubilee of the town's defining incident approaches, gift shops and museums are stocking up with T-shirts, spaceship earrings, "alien glow-pop" lollipops and reproductions of the *Roswell Daily Record's* announcement of a UFO landing.

And videos. Perhaps the hottest sellers, these go for $6.50 at the Midway Sighting UFO Museum, whose owners insist that their film of what look like flying insects is in fact of alien spacecraft. For $29.50, a local property developer sells a video of Jim Ragsdale's final sworn account of a crash on Forest Service land west of town. His early claims put the crash site further north, but the Corns own that land now.

Mounting public fascination with UFOs pumps more than $5 million a year from 90,000 tourists into Roswell's economy, according to a *Forbes* magazine investigation entitled *Unidentified Flying Dollars*.

Local people give the credit for the boom to Thomas Jennings, their new Mayor and a marketing graduate who came to the job in 1994 convinced that Roswell could be known for more than its mozarella plant, America's biggest, and as the birthplace of the actress Demi Moore. Since then hotel tax revenues have increased by 36 per cent.

"We weren't lucky enough to have a mountain or a beach," Mr Jennings said, "so we have to go with what we've got, which is a UFO crash."

The Roswell incident has also had a big financial ripple effect 1,000 miles away at Rachel in central Nevada, where the Little A Le Inn does a brisk trade accommodating UFO fanatics who believe the visitors who crashed in Roswell are kept at a top secret Air Force base nearby.

Meanwhile 20th Century Fox is still counting the takings from last year's *Independence Day*, about an alien invasion. They are currently more than $900 million.

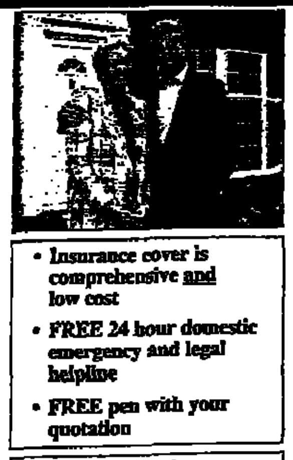
Libraries in US net £119m gift

New York: Bill Gates, the software magnate, has promised to install the Internet in all of America's public libraries, at a cost of $200 million (£119 million) over five years (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

Yesterday's announcement was welcomed by the American Library Association. Elizabeth Martinez, the association's executive director, said: "This is Mr Gates becoming the 21st-century's Andrew Carnegie." Carnegie, a man of no formal education who died in 1919, is regarded as the book world's greatest philanthropist, endowing more than 2,500 libraries in America and Britain.

Mr Gates's decision to create a library foundation should galvanise America's creaking public libraries, hauling them belatedly into the turn-of-the-century information age.

The computer king may have opened himself up to criticism that his generosity is self-serving: any proliferation of his technology would ultimately add to profits, to say nothing of publicity. But few can deny libraries will reap a rich reward. Strapped for cash, a majority remain mired in outdated ways.



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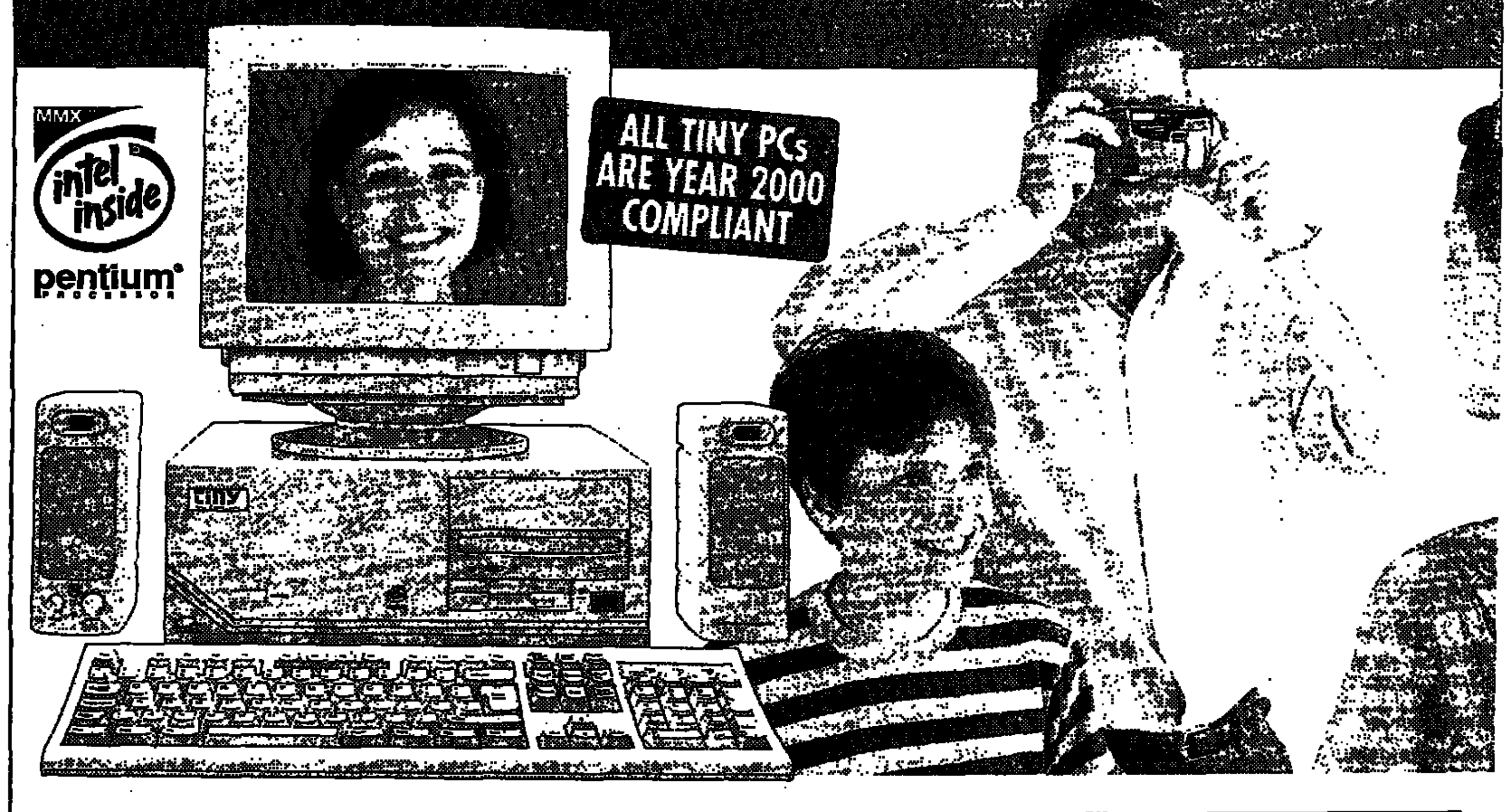

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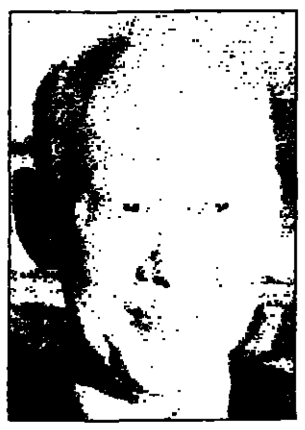
Singapore lambasts Western policy on handover of Hong Kong


Lee: says Patten agenda was too much, too late

From David Watts
in Hong Kong

LEE KUAN YEW, Singapore's senior minister, yesterday had caustic words for Britain and America over Hong Kong, with less than a week to go to its reversion to China.

Castigating the change of tack in trying to introduce a more broadly based democracy through the reforms of Governor Chris Patten in 1992, he accused Britain of "not living up to its highest traditions" and said the British "at the tail-end of Empire thought of themselves and not the people of Hong Kong". But the American Government and media fared little better in a classic performance before a conference, hosted by the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, in which he proved that his opinions are still highly valued throughout the region even if his memory, at 72, is sometimes selective. Both elements of American society, he said, were using Hong Kong and Singapore as sticks with which to beat China.

Criticism of the lack of democracy in Hong Kong, or the lack of freedom in Singapore, were not an illustration of concern about the peoples of the two city-states but a way of attacking China, he said.

His contention was that Britain should have adhered to all the innovations that had been written into the original joint declaration on Hong Kong. Failure to do so had resulted in a suspicious China that was on guard against attempts "to smuggle a Trojan horse into Shenzhen or Guangzhou.

"When I read an advance copy of it in 1984 I was overwhelmed at the skill with which it was drafted. It was a diplomatic tour de force. Every concept in realising a free society and a free economy had been introduced into that document by Sir Percy Cradock [former British Ambassador to China]. I was a trained lawyer and I knew Cradock. I don't know if the Chinese had any British-trained lawyers reviewing it who knew what it meant." Had it gone forward it would have led to a "fully self-governing unit which would have had a totally elected legislature, in other words, not very different from other ex-British colonies," he said, answering questions after his speech.

The Patten agenda, he said, was too much, too late. "Patten's political agenda has provided a stick for foreign lobby groups with which to beat China. Beijing is aware that the world is watching and I believe it will go out of its way to show that Hong Kong can thrive and prosper economically after its return to China. But it will not tolerate politicking in Hong Kong that will disturb China's political system."

A Cambridge-educated potentate, Mr Lee does not care for rebuttals — especially from the British — but an eloquent one was provided by Hugh Davies, senior British representative to the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group, who denied that there had been any change of policy in 1992. What had changed had been the attitude towards China in Hong Kong after the Tiananmen Square killings in 1989. "There was a different perception of Hong Kong in China and Hong Kong had a different perception of China." Hong Kong, he said, was in better shape than it had ever been. "I hope we have come out of it pretty well."

Mr Patten recalls that when he visited Mr Lee before taking up the governorship the veteran statesman seemed enthusiastic about his ambitions for Hong Kong but he has been too polite to point that out in public unless, of course, he is seeking an invitation on the way home after July 1.

Mr Lee, who first visited Hong Kong in 1954, was impressed when he had a suit run up in 12 hours. Yesterday he met the new Chief Executive, Tung Chee-hwa, to advise him on the difficult task of building confidence among his Chinese mentors that will allow him flexibility later.

Johnathan Mirksy, page 20

Kremlin vows to overrule deputies on budget cuts

From Robin Lodge in Moscow

A CLASH between President Yeltsin's administration and the communist-dominated Duma approached crisis yesterday when Anatoli Chubais, the First Deputy Prime Minister, warned the legislature that the Government was prepared to push through its policies without parliamentary approval.

Mr Chubais's outburst came after the Duma rejected a series of drastic government-proposed cuts in spending to compensate for a shortfall in revenues. The proposal to reduce spending by $18.6 billion (£11 billion) from an original target of $94 billion was thrown out by parliament.

The rejection came despite intensive efforts by the Government over the past few weeks to reach a deal before the Duma begins its summer recess today. Mr Chubais, who was appointed in March to oversee the economy, said a month ago that the 1997 budget had been grossly optimistic and that there were insufficient funds to meet projected spending. "If the Duma does not take on responsibilities, it makes one doubt whether it is capable of working," Mr Chubais said.

The legislature's recalcitrance has led to widespread speculation that Mr Yeltsin may force a vote of confidence. If the Duma votes no-confidence motions twice, he can dissolve it and call new elections. Despite the posturing, neither side wants this to happen. Most deputies value their perks, pay and privileges far too highly to risk being turfed out by the voter.

The Government is aware that in the present political and economic climate — with rife unemployment and continuing delays in the payment of state wages and pensions — any new parliament would be likely to be even more opposed to the Government than the present one.

Mr Chubais, who as the architect and instigator of Russia's privatisation programme of 1992-96 is regarded with particular hatred by the Communist party — stopped short of calling for the Duma's dissolution, although he has hinted in the past that Mr Yeltsin was considering such a move. He said the decision was for Mr Yeltsin alone to take.

The Government is committed to a programme of strict budgetary controls under the terms of its three-year, $10 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund. The IMF assessed Russia's economic performance each month during the first year of the loan and on several occasions this year and last year delayed payment because of concerns over tax revenue.

Last week, the Government won a big victory when the Duma approved a new tax code, drawn up with the approval of the IMF. The code was passed despite a recommendation from the Duma's own budget committee to reject it. The move came only two days after the lower house turned down a government plan to cut a whole range of welfare benefits to help to make up the deficit.

In a separate move yesterday seen as a personal snub to Mr Chubais, the Duma passed a Bill aimed at widening its control over privatisation, under which the Government would have to submit privatisation targets for parliamentary approval. The Bill still requires approval from the upper house, the Federation Council, to become law.

☐ **Dismissal plea:** The Government asked President Yeltsin to dismiss his Justice Minister after photographs and a video tape showing him frolicking in a sauna with naked women were made public. The minister, Valentin Kovalyov, has requested that he be suspended to clear his name.

DAVID GRAY/REUTERS

Jennifer Murray shows her jubilation on arriving in Hong Kong yesterday to be welcomed, right, by the Pattens and her husband, Simon

Flying visit for the Pattens

By Catherine Field
in Hong Kong

THE first woman to attempt to circumnavigate the globe in a helicopter arrived here yesterday amid scenes of jubilation, completing the first half of a 24,000-mile journey.

Among those who welcomed Jennifer Murray, 56, a British grandmother, when she touched down at Kai Tak airport in her red helicopter were Chris Patten, Hong Kong's Governor, and his wife, Lavender, who are close friends. Also on hand was her husband, Simon Murray, an influential Hong Kong businessmen.

"I can't quite believe this. We are in fact halfway round now. Luck is with us. We've been very lucky and I hope we continue to be," Mrs Murray said. "The only bad weather we had was when we crossed the English Channel."

Mrs Murray is making the journey to raise funds for Save the Children. She and co-pilot Quentin Smith began their journey in Britain on May 1. En route they touched down at 19 destinations, including France, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Thailand, Singapore and Taiwan.

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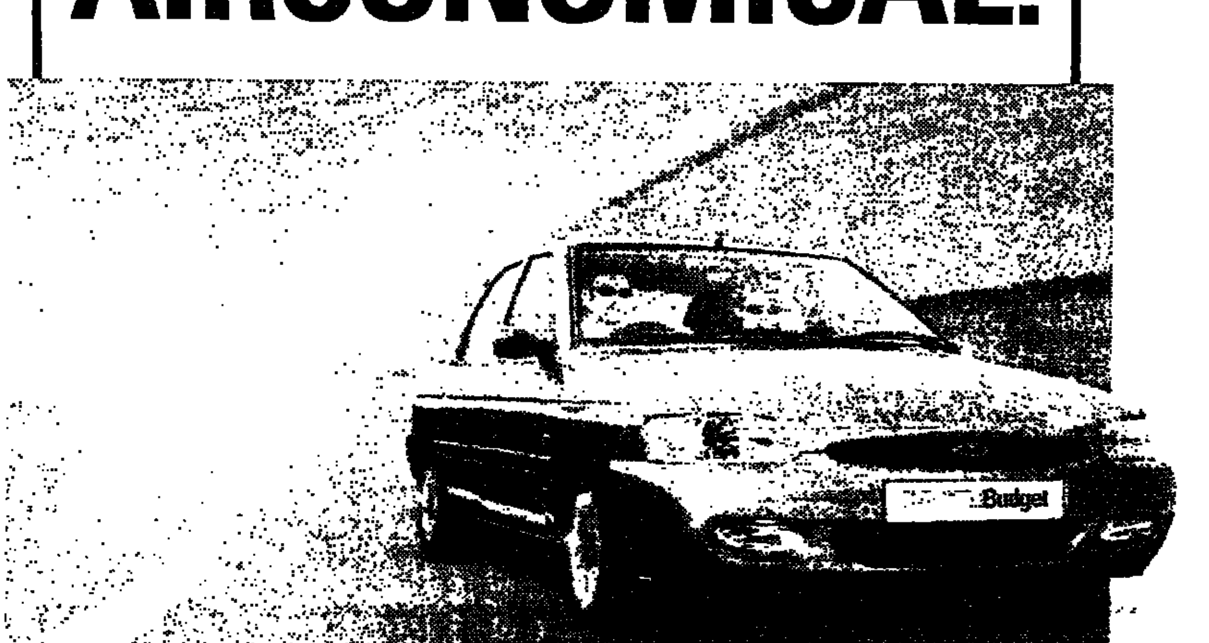


WORLD IN BRIEF

Give up Pol Pot soon, rebels told

Phnom Penh: Prince Norodom Ranariddh yesterday warned a breakaway faction of the Khmer Rouge believed to be holding Pol Pot that an amnesty deal could be jeopardised if it did not soon hand over its infamous leader to the Cambodian Government (James Pringle writes).

"If we cannot resolve the problem in a very short period of time, in days rather than weeks or months," the First Co-Prime Minister said, "we cannot talk about trust and confidence or of an amnesty for other Khmer Rouge leaders." It was in the interests of Khmer Rouge, he added, to hand over Pol Pot "as soon as possible" so that he could face a genocide tribunal.

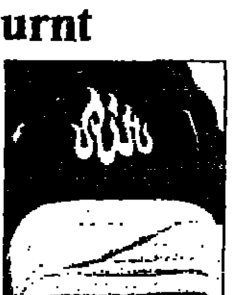
Nazi defends massacre role

Rome: Erich Priebke, the former Nazi officer, took the stand to defend himself at his trial for the 1944 massacre of 335 Italian civilians at the Ardeatines caves near here. The former SS captain, 83, told the silent tribunal room that he was forced to take part in the massacre and that the order had come "directly from Hitler in Berlin". He said that anyone who had refused such an order would have faced an SS tribunal. "My death and the persecution of my family would not have saved those ordered to be executed," he said. *(AFP)*

Nigeria plans petrol imports

Lagos: Nigeria, one of the world's main oil producers, will resort to emergency imports of petrol to deal with a fuel shortage caused by crippled refineries. General Sani Abacha, the military ruler, announced the move as public anger towards his Government for the month-old fuel crisis increased. The shortage, the worst since the 1967 Biafra war, was blamed for three weekend deaths, including that of a young girl killed when a keg of petrol being hoarded in her home was ignited. *(AP)*

Nike gets its feet burnt



New York: Nike, the American sports gear manufacturer, is recalling a line of training shoes because the logo, right, resembling the word "Allah" in Arabic, has offended Muslims (James Bone writes). The mark was supposed to look like flames, but the Council on American-Islamic Relations complained, calling for a boycott of Nike products. In 1995 the firm removed a California billboard showing a basketball player with the legend: "They called him Allah."

Algerian villagers murdered

Algiers: An armed group slashed the throats of 18 villagers during a night raid in the latest attack blamed on the five-year insurgency by Islamic extremists, local officials said. A six-month-old baby, four youths and eight women were among those killed last Wednesday in the village, eight miles south of the capital. The victims were members of the same family. More than 60,000 people have died in political violence since 1992. *(AP)*

Circumcision ban reversed

Cairo: A court overturned a year-old government ban on female circumcision in Egypt in a ruling hailed by Islamic fundamentalists but condemned by human rights activists. Judge Abdelaziz Hamada said the Cairo administrative court ruled that the operation, in which all or part of the clitoris and sometimes the labia is removed, can be carried out. *(AFP)*

Peace deadlock 'could provoke war with Egypt'

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

ISRAELI military intelligence chiefs have warned the Government of Binyamin Netanyahu that the continuing standstill in the peace negotiations with the Palestinians could soon provoke an explosion of violence in the occupied territories that might drag Egypt into a new war.

Details of the official warning were leaked yesterday to Shimon Shiffer, the diplomatic correspondent of Tel Aviv's biggest newspaper, *Yediot Aharonot*, and were later confirmed by other Israeli sources.

According to the paper, the latest military estimates said that the continuation of the three-month deadlock in contacts is liable soon to lead the Palestinians towards "violent activity whose end cannot be forecasted".

The experts went on to forecast that such a violent scenario "could bring about the total collapse of [Yassir Arafat's] Palestinian Authority". *Yediot* said that the intelligence officers added: "In such a situation, it would appear that Egypt [which signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979] would not sit on the sidelines and would announce that it would not show restraint in response to an Israeli intention to send troops into Palestinian Authority territories."

Publication of the assessment, which the newspaper reported had caused concern to Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister and a relative moderate in the Cabinet, came after Western intelligence reports at the weekend that Israeli tanks had been placed on alert near Hebron after a week of renewed rioting in the disputed West Bank city. The clashes left more than 100 Palestinians wounded.

For the first time since the present security crisis was sparked, on March 18, by the Israeli decision to send bulldozers to begin work at the Jewish settlement of Har Homa in annexed east Jerusalem, organised Arab mobs in Hebron began using petrol bombs as a prime weapon. Scores were thrown at Israeli troops after being filled in sidestreets around besieged Jewish settler enclaves in the city centre.

Yesterday's leaked intelligence warning about the vulnerability of Mr Arafat's administration, which is riddled with corruption and threatened by rising street popularity for the more militant Islamic group, Hamas, coincided with an Israel radio report that the security establishment has conducted secret exercises in preparation for "an escalation of unrest".

The radio disclosed that on Monday night, the Israeli civil adminstration in charge of those areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip not yet handed over to Palestinian control, undertook "a training exercise of responses to a degeneration of events in the territories".

The exercise, more far-reaching than any conducted so far and coming on the day when Mr Arafat told the Tel Aviv paper *Maariv* that "the whole region will soon explode" if a solution to the peace talks impasse is not found, involved controversial elements which observers said provided a hint as to the likely course of events if severe violence breaks out again.

Israelis taking part in the exercise simulated procedures for arresting top Arafat officials, economic sanctions and the establishment of what was described as "an alternative Palestinian leadership".

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Hot air disaster looms at UN building

From James Bone
in New York

IF DELEGATES to this week's Earth Summit II in New York want to experience a true environmental disaster, they need go no farther than the United Nations building.

Stacks of leaflets on environmental issues litter the corridors; half-empty soft drink cans sit abandoned in conference rooms; smokers pollute the espresso bars; and the building is wildly over-populated.

The 4,000 diplomats, journalists, lobbyists and green activists at the first five-year review of the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit are producing an estimated ten tonnes of rubbish a day, not to mention copious amounts of hot air.

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It is not for nothing that the summit is known officially as the UN General Assembly Special Session — Ungass for short.

All sorts of debris is thrown into the blue recycling bins marked "Newspapers Only" and meals in the canteen are served in environmentally unfriendly plastic containers.

Another bone of contention is the fact that the UN does not use recycled paper for conference documents. Kofi Annan, the Secretary-General, has promised to try to cut the organisation's paper consumption by a quarter, but only by the end of next year. In the meantime, the windowless UN press office has been told it must move because the poor air quality in the building puts it in violation of health standards.

Again, despite a New York bylaw that prohibits cars idling for more than a minute, motorcades park in lines outside the UN building with their engines running.

Green cities drive out plague of cars

Europeans are forcing cars out of city centres and into suburbs but creating new problems, **Roger Boyes** reports

WHILE Tony Blair prepares to roll back the relentless onslaught of the car in Britain, motorised transport has already had to come to terms with a backlash across much of Western Europe.

From Florence to Freiburg to Copenhagen, the car is being expelled from the inner city, hounded into the wilderness of suburban car parks by environmentally conscious governments. The war against the exhaust fume is beginning to resemble the medieval fight against bubonic plague.

The inhabitants of car-free cities were initially quite satisfied with the move. Asthma rates have fallen, children can walk to school and there has been passionate talk about the quality of life. Freiburg, on the fringes of the Black Forest, has been pursuing a relentlessly green policy since 1985 when it slashed season tickets by 30 per cent. Within a year 23 per cent of car users had switched to public transport, brandishing a single ticket that covers 90 train, bus and tram routes. By 1991 the traffic pass had been extended to include some 1,625 miles of track. Roads have been ripped up and 250 miles of bicycle paths laid.

The result of the cleaner air has been a rush of inward investment. A new environmentally sensitive suburb is under construction to house the 10,000 extra people who have joined the 200,000 population. There was some early resistance from traders, but it was soon discovered that pedestrian shopping areas attracted cash more readily than streets where parking meters have to be fed by the hour.

In Florence, too, traders resented the total ban on cars but compelling argument — that historic buildings were crumbling and tourists were being knocked down before they had a chance to cash their travellers' cheques — led to a general acceptance. Now mopeds and scooters buzz like wasps around the city, and even they are banned from the historical centre. St Gallen in Switzerland is famous for its extraordinarily expensive parking tickets and the speed with which they are distributed. As a result cars are usually abandoned at the city gates.

WHERE TO BREATHE EASY

The European cities most hostile to cars:
1: Florence
2: Copenhagen
3: Freiburg
4: Delft
5: St Gallen

Annual petrol use (in billions of joules per head):
1: Houston (73)
2: Detroit (65)
3: Los Angeles (59)
4: Melbourne (29)
5: Hamburg (19)
6: London (11)
7: Amsterdam (8)

Yet, increasingly, politicians and planners are finding that the low ozone oases are either displacing the essential problems or creating new ones. Walter Molt, traffic researcher at the University of Augsburg, has an apocalyptic vision. "At the latest in the year 2000 we will be witnessing Germany's first eco-wars between car-driving commuters and the furious inhabitants on the fringes of cities," he says. "The locals will take the law into their own hands, close down their streets and force hesitant politicians to use their brains." Dr Molt and his colleagues warn that politicians — and not only the Greens — have created a dogma of car-free centres without thinking through the social consequences.

A longer, but equally depressing view is taken by Andreas Feldtkeller, an urban planner who has been trying to redesign the traffic system of Tübingen. He claims that banishing traffic from centres has become part of a trend — pushing all industry outwards, creating separate shopping and banking centres, confining children to playgrounds — that is atomising the city, destroying its very essence. "The result is people do not mix and that cities are seen as something dangerous, to be avoided, rather than as places where people can communicate and exchange ideas." A balance has to be struck, he argues. "There are towns not only in Italy, but also in the North — Amsterdam or Paris, for example — where there is a real street life." The enemy of the city, he claims, is its pedestrianisation.

There are other seemingly slighter but nonetheless pressing problems in car-free zones. Try, for example, to find a taxi in Copenhagen. Denmark has had energy taxes since 1977. They were used initially to plug the budget but now, more and more, they are a deliberate instrument for steering energy consumption. Denmark ranks as a model, one of the few countries to cut its carbon-dioxide emissions since Rio. Its efforts have not paralysed the economy — growth is good, employment levels high — but it has created cumbersome cities.

There are alternatives to car-free ghettos. One being investigated by scientists in Cologne is car sharing for city commuters. Pooling private cars could fill the middle area between taxi use for short stretches and rented cars for longer journeys. Cologne University scientists suggest that if the full potential of shared car commuting was exploited the number of cars in use in Germany could drop by around 1.2 million.

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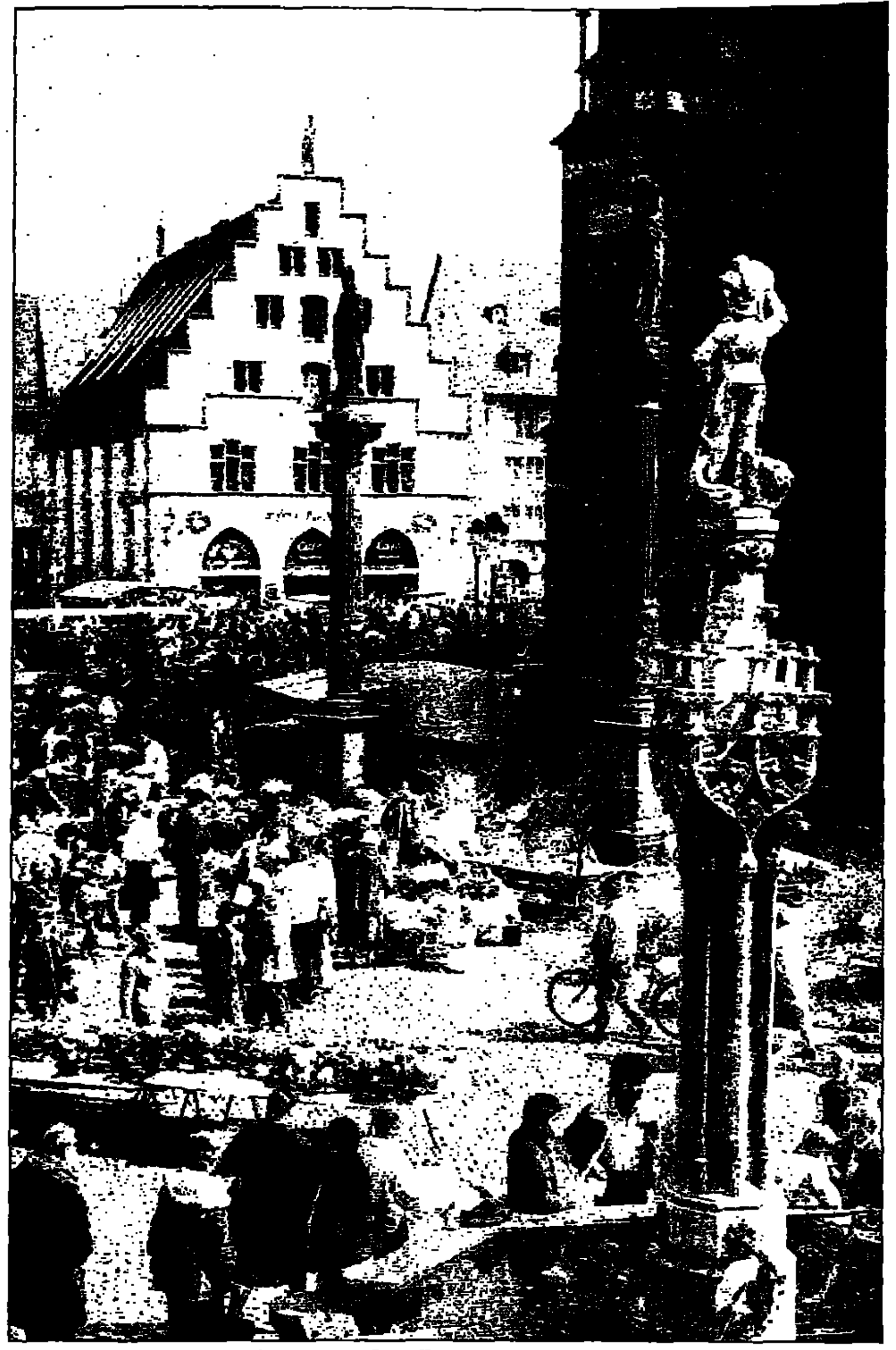

Pedestrians reclaim the centre of Freiburg, but a backlash is around the corner

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Treasured nature sites feel the heat from global warming

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent
in New York

THE world's most important nature reserves, home to some of the best loved animals, including the giant panda, polar bear and the Indian tiger, are beginning to suffer from global warming, researchers reported yesterday.

Glaciers in Glacier National Park in Montana are reducing in size as higher temperatures trigger melting. In the Swiss national park in the Alps, milder winters have led to rare plants disappearing from lower slopes and becoming concentrated at higher, cooler altitudes over recent decades, studies show.

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Jonathan Loh, an ecologist with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), said that the Moremi Game Reserve in Botswana, home to the elephant, wildebeest and 65 fish species, is drying out, with moisture levels at their lowest for 100 years.

The ancient forests of Russia, Scandinavia and Canada are also undergoing more attacks by pests such as beetles and an increased frequency of fires. "It is forecast that two thirds of these will disappear if global warming continues," Mr Loh said. The La Amistad national park and Talamanca reserves in the mountain areas of Costa Rica have seen a decline in amphibians such as frogs and toads over the past ten years, with 20 of 50 species extinct in the area, including the Harlequin frog and the Golden toad.

The WWF report, presented to delegates at the Earth Summit II in New York, indicates that subtle effects are happening across continents, with more damaging effects predicted because of rising temperatures caused by man-made pollution. It concludes that many mountain, forest, Antarctic and wetland areas designated as national parks or protected areas will soon be unable to support their special wildlife unless action is taken to curb global warming.

The damage, already detectable, will come from rapid changes in rising sea levels, declines in rainfall in some areas and increased devastation from hurricanes and searing heat in other parts of the globe. The study has looked at 35 parks and special areas, including some in Britain. A temperature rise of 1C (34F) will have an impact on the diversity of species in about half of Britain's protected areas.

The report points to the damage caused by global warming in Ben Lawers national nature reserve in the Scottish Highlands. It claims that many species face extinction there, including snow hares, ptarmigan and Alpine flowers such as starry saxifage, unless global warming is halted. Damage to the North York Moors National Park will include increasing erosion of the cliffs as sea levels rise, allied to more frequent bracken fires such as those that raged in the peat in 1976.

The Wolong nature reserve in China's Sichuan province, home to some of the last giant pandas, also looks vulnerable to big changes, including loss of the panda's favourite food, bamboo. Kanha and Pench national parks in India, home to some of the last Bengal tigers, is expected to see a sharp decline in rainfall and a loss of broad-leaf forests vital for the tigers. The area in which the reserve is located is set to experience a temperature rise of up to 2.5C and a drop of a fifth in rainfall as the strength of the monsoon declines.

Bruce Babbitt, American Secretary of the Interior, responded to the report by describing national parks as "important treasures". He said that the report underlined the folly of delaying action over global warming.

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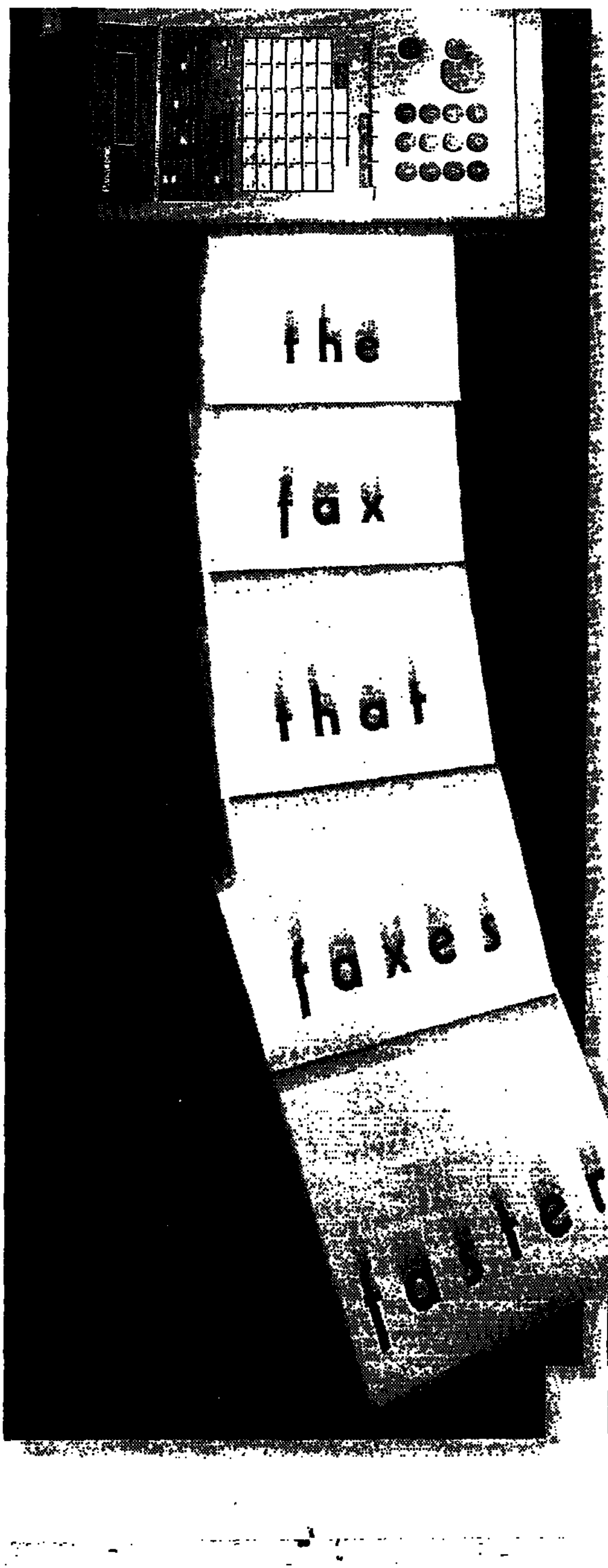

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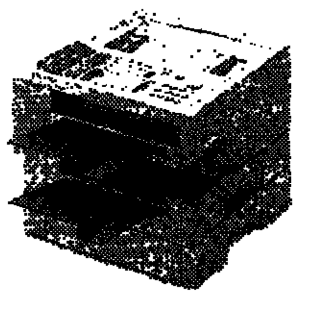

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Fashion trend that's a shade surprising

Sunglasses are now a fashion accessory which can be worn in the dark, says **Grace Bradberry**

Women who wear sunglasses indoors are notorious among the staff of casualty departments. Junior doctors will tell you that such women are almost always mad — particularly if they present themselves at admissions desks in the winter months.

This handy rule of thumb is not, however, as reliable as it once was. The Nineties have seen an upsurge in the wearing of sunglasses indoors — among men as well as women — and this summer the trend has taken an even crankier turn. People are wearing their shades on their faces when they are *indoors*, and perched on their heads when they are *outdoors*. The idea of wearing sunglasses to protect one's eyes has been forgotten.

In the dark: Laura Bailey

This is all good news for the designers of sunglasses. Apparently immune to the vagaries of the English summer, the market for "premium" frames is now estimated at £104.5 million annually. Sunglasses are now an "essential" accessory, but are increasingly worn for non-essential reasons. In an age when attitude is all, they prevent us from giving ourselves away by appearing nervous, beady-eyed, or, worst of all, interested in other people. They are also the most reliable way to avoid eye contact, a fact which may explain why so many of us now emulate celebrities by hiding inscrutably behind our shades when no one is likely to recognise us anyway.

A big pair of Jackie O frames can, with their suggestion of fragility and impending distress, heighten that slightly theatrical vulnerability that some women, including Diana, Princess of Wales, do so well. Celebrities at least have an excuse of sorts for hiding behind their shades. In public they require sunglasses to protect them from the lenses of the paparazzi, but in private, wandering about the street with friends, there is no need.

The young and attractive are the main culprits — unafraid of the crows' feet that come with squinting into the sun, and not yet equipped with a sufficient sense of the ridiculous to keep their shades in their handbags when they find themselves beneath artificial lights.

The British model Laura Bailey, who once dated Richard Gere, fits the type exactly. She is to be seen gliding insouciantly through airports all over the world, her face hidden behind big "bug-eye" frames. Outside, however, her shades are more often to be seen nesting in her piles of lush, blonde hair.

If you are determined to imitate this look, you will need to carry two pairs of sunglasses — one pair of wraparounds, which look great on the head, but less good on the face, and one pair of "nerd" glasses, the NHS-style frames which are currently fashionable, but which won't stay wedged in the hair. Recognising the trend, some manufacturers have brought out lenses in a variety of tints, including orange and yellow. The idea is that these will look less affected when worn at night. Liam and Noel Gallagher both wear Cutler & Gross frames with coloured lenses.

Diehard indoor shades wearers don't bother with this kind of refinement, however. Anna Wintour, Editor of *American Vogue*, wears hers to watch the shows, while Naomi Campbell and Patsy Kensit have also stuck with the inscrutability of black.

And if dark glasses are, in certain circumstances, faintly ridiculous, there are always compensations. Even the most affable personalities can appear forbidding while wearing them — which may explain to the perplexed staff of *GQ* why their new editor James Brown, formerly of *Loaded*, wears his around the office.

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Party time: Tony Blair kisses *New Yorker* Editor Tina Brown as Harold Evans and Cherie Blair look on. In the next few hours, New York was conquered with Napoleonic thoroughness by the Prime Minister.

Tony takes Manhattan

New York's finest turned out to pay court to Tony Blair, reports **Tunku Varadarajan**

For the party guests gathering in New York's newest English country garden the atmosphere was at first one of genteel suspense. The flight from the Summit of Eight at Denver had been delayed by a thunderstorm and no one was quite sure when the guests of honour would arrive.

Waiting in their "triplex" Sutton Place apartment were *New Yorker* editor, Tina Brown and her husband, Random House president Harold Evans, both New World brigadiers for New Labour. The party was officially to be a chance for Mr and Mrs Blair to thank New York supporters who had organised expatriate voting drives and raised funds for the election. But it was also a chance for New York's finest — from Lauren Bacall to Henry Kissinger, Barbara Walters to Martin Scorsese — to cast their discerning eyes over the man and woman whom the Brits had sent to Downing Street.

"It was an exciting feeling," the hostess says, "what with the constant updates from the secret service men there." The local Labourites, who claim to be the most prosperous group of their kind in the Millbank world, were certainly excited too. The other guests were not yet sure whether it would be exciting.

British political leaders have no guaranteed entry point into New York. They can all too simply sink in the social mud here before anyone even notices their presence. Mr and Mrs Blair arrived at ten, an hour late. He devoted the first 20 minutes to his local party activists. "Thank you for your sterling efforts," he told a band of shiny-eyed admirers. The perfect politician, Mr Blair even proposed that the host be made an honorary secretary of the local Labour Party. Mr Evans accepted.

Then it was the turn of the manicured minds of Manhattan to meet the light-suited Prime Minister. The garden had been dressed in English country style for the occasion. There were peonies and lupins, a green gauze marquee, Pimm's, champagne, poached salmon — plus John Prescott and Clare Short to complete the picture of New Britain.

In the next few hours New York was then conquered with Napoleonic thoroughness. Mr Blair's presidential style may irritate some of his party back home. But, according to New Yorkers, his real party was on Sunday night and here — and, as victories go, Manhattan should rank as one of Mr Blair's finest.

He had Ms Bacall, still one of the greatest beauties in America, tugging at the sleeve of his tan jacket, her fingers as long and slim as the Turkish oval cigarettes of old. Anjelica Huston, towering muskily over him, took in every syllable of his party piece on the Denver Summit of Eight. How pleasant this change of company must have been for him after two days of President Clinton, President Chirac, President Yeltsin and Prime Minister Hashimoto of Japan.

As well as Mr Scorsese and Dr Kissinger, there was Peggy Noonan, the best speech-writer Ronald Reagan ever had, and Jesse Jackson, the target all Republican speech writers keep in the back of their minds. There was Richard Avedon, the photographic maestro, Abe Rosenthal from *The New York Times*, Nicholas Hytner, Christopher Hitchens and the novelist Gita Mehta, winsome in her sari of wine-red. There were city intellectuals Simon Schama and Henry Louis Gates Jr, one of its press barons Mort Zuckerman and its favourite daughters Ms Walters and Diane Sawyer.

"The place was full of people who get invited to *everything* in town," Peggy Noonan says. "And everywhere. Yet on Sunday, they wanted to do only *one* thing … meet Tony Blair." Ms Noonan purrs her praise for the Prime Minister as I talk to her: "He has impressively quiet star power. I may be a political conservative myself, but I like him. I approve of what he's done to the Bank of England, and the way he's handling the IRA. He's a clear-speaking, clear-thinking man, just the sort I love to observe in action."

Ready to party: Henry Kissinger and Anjelica Huston

According to Ms Sawyer: "He has an American flavour, of course, but he's gone one better. Your Prime Minister is a true believer in possibilities. His idealism is exciting. And besides, I was impressed by his stamina. He stayed and talked to everyone. We all know about the 'politician's glaze'. Maybe he's new at his job, but he *doesn't* have one."

Howard Stringer, president of Sony, spoke of the "stimulating vibes" that Mr Blair exuded. "He is articulate, he communicates bonhomie. It seems as if he is floating on a cushion of success."

Dubbed a "limousine liberal" by unkind elements in the press, Mr Stringer was "a Labour man even before it became fashionable". "Still," he says, "it's nice now to be fashionable as well."

Another Labour man, Ian Williams, ascribed Mr Blair's American triumph to youth. "Americans react very positively to youth, although you'd never guess it by looking at their Senate." He is a freelance journalist and the Labour party's organiser in New York. "Tony is inspirational. *Don't* compare him with Clinton, though. Blair has a better legislative record after five weeks in office than Clinton's had in five years."

If Mr Williams is watching the Prime Minister closely, then so is Henry Kissinger. So far, he has given Mr Blair an avuncular alpha. "He is very adept at what he does," the former American Secretary of State says in a guttural gurgle. The two spent some time huddled together at the party discussing China, a subject on which Dr Kissinger has grown increasingly dove-like. He would not reveal what he had told the Prime Minister, but did say that he felt very comfortable with Mr Blair's ideas.

Dr Kissinger also described Mrs Blair as very amusing and intelligent. "I was talking to her for a few minutes and thinking, 'she must be good at whatever she does', when Diane Sawyer joined us and told me that I was talking to Mr Blair's wife. I hadn't seen too many pictures of her, you see."

"She has a simple grace," Walter Isaacson, Managing Editor of *Time* magazine, says. "I wish to stress that she has a simple grace. He has it, too. They think elegantly, they act elegantly, they talk elegantly. What a difference to Anglo-American relations these two will make."

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Why it makes sense to allow gays and lesbians to marry

It is unfair that some people's sexuality prevents them from having a conventional life

It is at times like this that one really misses Harry Greenway, MP for Ealing North until the Massacre of the Guilty of May 1, and reliable supplier of huffing and puffing quotes. He absolutely could have been relied upon to provide just the right note of spittle-spewing indignation about the granting of a Commons pass to the gay long-term lover of Ben Bradshaw, the newly elected Labour MP for Exeter.

Instead, we have to make do with the spluttered outrage of Bradshaw's erstwhile opponent, Dr Adrian Rogers, who constructed an entire campaign around Bradshaw's homosexuality and was rewarded with an 11.7 per cent swing against him for his troubles.

Despite a newly sprung storyline in *EastEnders*, there just isn't the mileage in homophobia any more. Dr Rogers's claim that the successful application for a "spouse's pass" for Bradshaw's lover, Neal Dagleish, is part of an obnoxious plan to seek not merely recognition and equality — as if that weren't bad enough — "but, no doubt, eventual domination by the homosexual lobby" sounds to most of us these days as preposterous as it truly is.

Politics — sexual or otherwise — apart, I have considerably more sympathy for Bradshaw's request for the granting of spouse rights for his partner than I do for most non-married heterosexuals who demand the same consideration for their lovers. Those who are straight have a choice whether to get married. And I concede, there are many good reasons for not getting married. Why should any of us have to seek the sanction of the state for our private relationships? The truth is we don't.

But it is plainly ridiculous to resist marriage because it is a hideous bourgeois institution and then moan because we are due none of the advantages of said hideous bourgeois institution.

Perhaps it is unfair that being married confers certain rights or benefits, but in all practically important matters in life now it doesn't. It is a choice, like any other, and on the whole people should learn that if you make a choice you accept the consequences that go with that choice.

I have never understood the concept of the common-law wife or husband. What sense does it make to be legally not married but as good as married? If you want to get married, get married: if you don't, don't; but why go whining to the courts to apply for the title of unmarried spouse?

If, however, you are gay or lesbian you have no such choice. Marriage is out of the question. There is no legal framework that can encompass your relationship and no formal understanding given that such even exists. Many would insist that is just how it should be — and the many I refer to here are not those ideologically opposed to homosexuality but those who militantly espouse its cause. Why play follow the breeders?

Nigella Lawson

But we don't all want to live our lives at the barricades. And for those who don't see why their sexuality should disbar them from a conventional life, the unfairness must seem incomprehensible.

And, actually, it makes more logical sense to introduce gay marriage than it does to extend spousal rights to all non-married partners. Perhaps the real answer, though, would be to de-recognise marriage.

All that would be necessary would be to issue obligatory contracts of responsibility for children, and everything would be taken care of. Because, just think a minute: if divorce is legal, the least binding of all contracts, then the marriage certificate is truly not worth the paper it is written on.

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IN THE film *Liar, Liar*, in which the Jim Carrey figure is condemned by some Capra-like piece of wishful wizardry to telling the truth, he is told reprovingly by his son that his — hideous and caricaturely overweight — teacher says that it is "inner beauty that counts". "Nah," he replies: "it's only ugly people who say that."

Ann Widdecombe is on the side of this fictional teacher. So incensed is she with society's obsession with beauty that, she reveals, she has started writing a novel to explore "this dangerous trend".

How infinitely depressing that the novel should be reduced to this. Doesn't she realise that literature is about writing, not ideas — at least not ideas in the sense of being the preconceived notions of people with Something to Say.

I am not convinced by the finer points of her argument, either. She claims that we respect beauty too much. I suggest that we respect it too little, expecting it to be a commonplace when necessarily it is a rarity.

In her youth it was different, she says. Now all these horrible magazines poison us with their images of female perfection.

Yes and no. The modern age, image-sodden as it is, has a lot to answer for. But it was Hollywood whodunnit; that's where it emanated. When the beautiful faces we saw belonged to the prettiest girls in the village or whatever, we saw them in context. And they were both real and rare.

With the advent of film there was lighting to enhance, distance to bring glamour. And all that has happened is that modern techniques, and the mass communication which floods us with ever more information and images, intensifies that effect.

Everyone likes to look at a beautiful face: we are built that way. But I agree that it has reached sick proportions when people spend half their lives at the plastic surgeon's to make up for nature's shortfall.

Because the truth is, all the plastic surgeon can do is to make someone look plastic. Cindy Jackson is the living, breathing proof of that.

Beauty cannot be bought: the hardest thing for the capitalist, consumerist age to have to accept.

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THERE has been much of the expected response to the sale of a small but exquisite Damien Hirst painting — a 1x1½in blob of yellow household paint with the title *6-Bromo-4-Cyclohexene-1,2,3-Triol* — to Miuccia Prada for £6,000 on Monday.

I cannot really make out quite why they are making such a fuss. Everything is relative, after all. I mean: has anyone seen the price of a Prada frock recently?

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■ Act One, Scene One: Enter the little Princes, bearing tickets to the Odeon

My heart aches and a drowsy numbness pains my sense, also the little vein in my temple is throbbing in bas-relief like a febrile lugworm, for it is three in the insomniac morning and in my headphoned ear a man from Crayford who has rung in to say that seeing X-films when he was 12 thanks to a broken voice and early moustache never did him any harm is being taken on by a hysterical harridan from Potters Bar who believes that Prince Harry has banged the final nail into the monarchical coffin and that the entire family now has no other option than to put its affairs in order and join the Romanovs in the basement.

Is it any wonder that I lie sweating here with my distant supper turning to a lead lump in the gut? For had I not foolishly imagined that the fraught shenanigans of the adult Royal Family having seemingly been laid at last to blessed rest by lawyers, accountants and, above all, editorial etiolation, I myself might now enjoy a little peace from a decade of sensational headlines, lightning straw polls, crackpot studio discussions, bitter Commons exchanges, soapy Palace statements, dingbat phone-ins, instant books, and all the opportunist rantings of bandwagoning prelates, academics, and journalists who had sadly missed their true vocation as cab drivers?

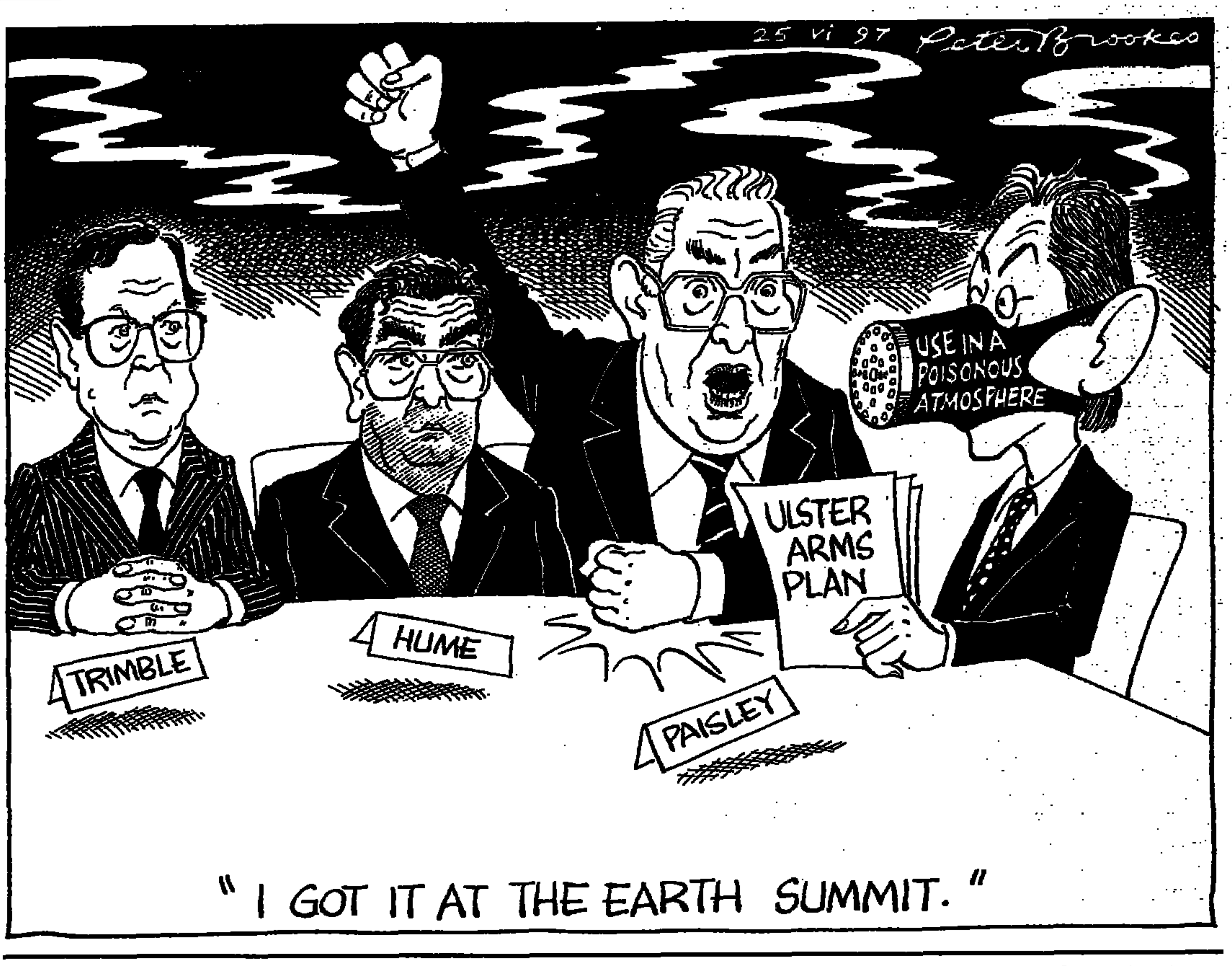
It was not to be. Hardly had the omnibus horribilis rattled wonkily off into the distance than there was another one along in a minute. Diana, Princess of Wales, took her son to the pictures, and the roof fell in, leaving the hapless manager of the Kensington Odeon staring down the wrong end of the 1985 Cinema Act and wailing that of all of the cinemas in all of the towns all over the world, she had to walk into mine, and the Princess herself issuing a public apology not merely for his, but also for the rest of the gobsmacked population's, distress. I thank God only that she didn't buy the kid a tub of popcorn and a Coke. I doubt that the nation's fragile sanity could have withstood a *Newsnight* barney between Paxman and three barking dentists.

That it will long withstand what is now inevitably to follow I am even less certain. Throw open your window this morning, and the noise you will hear is of media lips being smacked at the thought that boys will be boys, and that these boys will be boys for many years yet, ushering in a profitable era of irresistible controversy to fill the vacuum of scandal fatigue left by the clapping-out of their parents' preposterous doings.

Any moment now, you may be sure, Prince William, though not yet 16, will shamefully attempt to buy a firework, whereupon the salesman, though as yet only on remand, will net a six-figure tabloid sum for his exclusive story, both *Panorama* and *World In Action* will be devoted to raucous Albert Hall discussions between firemen, people with three fingers, and job-threatened members of the Bangermakers' Union, Jack Straw will be yanked back from a fact-finding mission to Antibes, and a sobbingly contrite Princess of Wales will be compelled to extend her caring landmine exhortations to include Roman candles and Catherine wheels. What will come out only later, as the result of unstinting background research by several hundred journalists, is that the future King, such was his hurry to get to the shop, stepped off the platform of his moving bus before it had reached the stop, a transgression likely to keep the Privy Council toiling far into the night, and occasion a number of Liberal Democrat Private Member's Bills demanding restraining belts to be fitted to all bus seats.

How long this story continues to run will, of course, depend on how long it will take for the sale price to be negotiated on an amateur video showing Prince Harry putting a frog in his pocket, the *News At Ten* transmission of which will bring animal rights activists onto the streets in their thousands, only to clash with thousands of cyclists who spotted that after he pocketed the frog, the Prince mounted his bicycle without wearing a crash helmet, and wish to defend his right so to do, even if it means putting the Department of Environment and Transport to the torch.

Where all this might end, do not ask me to predict. I can tell you only where it began.



"I GOT IT AT THE EARTH SUMMIT."

Unsustainable summitry

Tony Blair's globetrotting is wasteful, superfluous and exhausting. His survival depends on regaining control of his diary

Simon Jenkins

The British Prime Minister faced the United Nations on Monday looking heavy and drawn. Jet lag had drained the sparkle from his eyes. His mouth seemed tired and his sentences cried out for a break. Tony Blair referred to his absent children with more than a tinge of bitterness. He was on his fifth summit, his seventh foreign trip in seven weeks in office. This weekend he is to leave for Hong Kong. This is madness.

When the MP Duncan Sandys was criticised for never setting foot in his constituency, his reply was curt: "I was elected to represent the people of Streatham in Westminster, not the people of Westminster in Streatham." A Prime Minister is elected to govern Britons in Britain, not in the airport lounges, receiving lines, airless rooms and groaning banquets of international conference-land. If he wants to talk to his fellow leaders, he can telephone them. If he wants to hear interminable speeches, to exchange backchat with the famous, be photographed, wined, dined and left short of sleep, he can join the Foreign Office.

Mr Blair is privately terse about his baptism of summitry. From his first European encounters in The Netherlands, to last week's funny clothes party in Denver, he has found summits vacuous and frustrating, no place for a man of action. Such meetings used to be ad hoc between great powers, on matters that required the trust of eyeball contact. Today they are little more than a social calendar: the G7, the European intergovernmentals, Nato, the UN "theme park" summits. They come round each year like Ascot and Henley. They are as empty as they are lavish.

Both the G7 and the EU meetings were invented in the 1980s as informal gatherings, without protocol or hangers-on. Both have become rituals of chauvinist ostentation. World leaders travel with retinues that would make King Lear blush. An American President expects to take 300 security and personal staff and 400 journalists. The British are unique in their parsimony, but some 50 staff and hangers-on are regulars. The ill-prepared Amsterdam summit last week cost Europe's taxpayers £10 million. Journalists, 3,200 of them, needed trolleys to cart away their free gifts. At Denver, limousine gridlock meant each leader having to wait his turn for the Clinton handshake, red carpet and guard of honour.

On the occasions that I have visited these events, I have been amazed at the sheer waste of time devoted to protocol and entertainment. Most participants are jet-lagged and the tiredness is strength-sapping. No real work is done. Anything of moment has either been decided in advance by the "sherpas" or, as in Denver, will not be decided anyway. Photographers are everywhere, forcing participants to be constantly on parade. Such nonsense has consumed almost a quarter of Mr Blair's first 50 days.

When Baroness Thatcher took office in 1979, she told her Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington, that she meant to be the first Prime Minister of Britain to put home affairs top of her agenda. He could go abroad and meet foreigners, if such was his fancy. She would stay at home. This commendable division of responsibility did not last. By the end of her reign, Lady Thatcher found foreign trips a refuge from the horrors of Westminster, a warm bath of glory. Abroad she was a stateswoman, at home a mere politician. She was abroad, symbolically at a Versailles extravaganza, when she was toppled.

I cannot believe Mr Blair has caught "summititis" already. But his diary secretary has plainly suffered a Foreign Office smash and grab raid. A ministerial diary is a triffid. You hack it each evening, but by morning it has grown again. Unless guarded with a chainsaw, it sprouts leaves and branches by the minute, each one no sooner formed than it is heavy with expectations and potential disappointments. "I think he can just fit you in," says the aide. "There may be a short gap here, perhaps if we can call you back." The result is a frantic, distracted, exhausted leader controlled by a machine.

President Reagan was master of his diary. He once told a friend from the old days in California to "just drop by" when next in Washington. The friend took him at his word. Yes, indeed the President was free, so why not drop by before lunch. The man found Reagan relaxed and alone. They chatted. The chat turned into lunch and lunch into a swim. After three hours the man had to leave for an appointment, realising to his surprise that nobody had disturbed the President throughout his stay. The story went round town, not that Reagan had lost control but the opposite. He was effortlessly in charge. There was time for a chat with a friend, and he was always fresh on parade.

There is no trip so ripe for a British boycott as a United Nations summit. These events claim the moral supremacy of the UN to focus attention on the world's deprived or on threats to the ecosystem. They do this by the most archaic, extravagant and time-wasting contrivance, that of the international conference. The 1992 Rio summit took two weeks for 100 world leaders to produce 23,000 words, not one of which had the slightest effect. The leaders pledged themselves to limit deforestation, cut exhaust emissions, control overfishing, sustain bio-diversity and increase aid. They achieved none of these things. Figures produced at New York record the exact opposite of what was recommended in each category.

The UN's reaction was like that of a First World War general, to summon up yet more conferences and throw them into the fray. The one Rio commitment honoured to the letter was to hold another conference every bit as extravagant. Fifty million pounds was blown on a "poverty summit" in Copenhagen in 1995, attended by 150 heads of government. The Emir of Kuwait reportedly spent £10 million on his retinue. Then came this week's assembly in New York, dubbed "Rio II".

An exasperated Mr Blair asked why these conclaves were necessary. Where was the Internet? Where was the cosmic conferencing, the videophone link-ups, the interactive Websites that were supposed to render this ozone-busting, tax-depleting, waistline wrecking travel obsolete? The answer is that new technology would spoil the fun. There is no photo-opportunity on a Website. Wimps telecommute. Real men confer. Thousands, indeed tens of thousands, of jobs depend on them doing so, bureaucrats, lobbyists, non-governmental organisations, academics, journalists, filmmakers, interpreters, travel agents, restaurateurs.

In *War and Peace*, Prince Bolkonsky arrives from the heat of battle to be welcomed in Vienna's diplomatic enclave. He is supplied with a soft nightshirt and feather pillow, and is fêted with chandeliers, jewelled ladies and vast dinner tables. Was this all real, he kept asking himself. His swift answer was no. To the dismay of all present, he left at once and returned to his regiment. I wonder if Mr Blair has the courage to do likewise.

Can he wield the axe over his diary? Can he wean the Foreign Office and the Downing Street lobby from their addiction to foreign trips? Can he use his spare time to walk in the Chilterns, play cricket with his children, say hello to his wife? In the words of the famous ad, can he "Just Say No"?

Rio II in New York is, of course, to be followed by Rio III in Tokyo in December. Lest anyone think the New York delegates were incapable of creative decision, they were minded to set up a new UN environment agency, possibly in Bonn. There is one UN Environment Agency already, but that is in Nairobi and is sunk in the usual corrupt inertia. The same stage army will thus arrive in Tokyo, pouring more gas into the atmosphere and guzzling raw whale. It will excoriate the shocking failure of member states to honour the edicts of the previous two Rios, and pledge itself to hold a fourth one, somewhere nice. The baggage train will trundle happily on.

If Mr Blair really wants to make an impact on green politics, he will boycott all these globetrotting jamborees. He will leave his jets and his limousines in their sheds. He will send his views on international relations on the Internet, where they are far more likely to be read. Meanwhile, Britain would gain by having a Prime Minister who rested at weekends, in the country house given to the nation specifically for that purpose.

Patten's lasting legacy

Jonathan Mirsky on Beijing's embrace of the Governor

If Tony Blair can keep his wits about him during his lightning visit to Hong Kong on Monday, the day of the handover to China, he will notice something. Just as the Labour Party has taken Thatcherism on board, Governor Chris Patten's successor, Tung Chee-hwa, has hoisted the flag of Pattenism.

This is the very same Pattenism which, not long ago, brought down on its begetter insults from Beijing: the Governor was a "whore" who would be "disgraced for a thousand years". It is the Pattenism denounced by Sir Percy Cradock, the supreme Foreign Office Sinologist who supervised the negotiations on Hong Kong in 1983-84. It is the Pattenism which frightened the China-shy chambers of commerce here so badly that hardly a single senior Hong Kong businessman has dared praise him in public for five years.

It would be easy to describe Mr Patten as a failure. He arrived in 1992 to install what he conceded was a political programme so modest it would have been derided elsewhere as condescending: to lower the voting age for the 60-member Legislative Council (LegCo) from 21 to 18, to give every working person a vote, and to enlarge the size of the professional constituencies so that many people had two votes.

In the 1995 election Democrats and their independent allies won more LegCo seats than any other party, and Beijing denounced the result as a violation of past British-Chinese agreements. On July 1 Mr Patten's LegCo will be replaced by one loyal to China, ten of whose members failed in the last election. By 2am on July 1 there will be a Chinese-designated chief executive, a Chinese garrison, new laws diminishing civil rights, and a communist apparatus — including a Ministry of State Security and a Public Security Bureau. At midnight the Union Jack will be lowered, the Red Flag raised, and the British Crown will disappear from the cap-badges and buttons of the uniformed Services.

A very British retreat and failure?

Many certainly think so. But consider what Mr Tung and Beijing were saying at the beginning of this year. "Love of China and Hong Kong" were political mantras. "Stability" was the watchword. Free speech, demonstrations, and the registering of "political" societies, such as Amnesty and Greenpeace, were to be monitored by the police, and the press was warned to shun "subversion" and "treason".

Yet for the past three months such language has either been moderated or replaced by assurances that virtually everything will remain as it is. The limitations on speech and demonstrations remain vague but are far narrower: no advocacy of Tibetan or Taiwanese independence, issues that in Hong Kong surface as rarely as pandas. It will be all right, says Elsie Leung, Mr Tung's designated Secretary of Justice, to shout "Li Peng [the Chinese Premier] must resign", or to say that Tiananmen was badly mishandled.

If, immediately after the handover, members of the dissolved LegCo make their way into the building where they no longer hold seats and give speeches from its balcony to supporters below, both Mr Tung and Ms Leung hint broadly that they will not be silenced. Not long ago Mr Tung referred to Tiananmen as "something that happened", as a piece of "baggage" which people here should lay down: now he promises that the annual commemoration of the killings can take place.

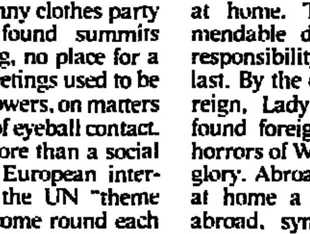
Hong Kong Democrats, not long ago described as "bad-mouthers", are being urged to stand for re-election for the next LegCo, which the new regime promises will occur within a year. Some of Mr Tung's closest supporters say — in public — that there is no problem about "instability" and that Mr Patten can be proud of many of his achievements.

Why have things changed? There are several explanations. Tiananmen, in 1989, sparked off fear of China in Hong Kong and drove a million people into the streets. Mr Patten's modest proposals enlarged the arena for those with awakened political feelings to express them politically. He came regularly before LegCo to defend his policies: no Governor had done this before. His policy secretaries have regularly explained themselves to the press.

Additionally, the public made clear its demands for civil and human rights. Opinion polls showed contempt for the Peking-approved LegCo; 60,000 people packed inner Hong Kong's largest public space for a candle-lit vigil commemorating Tiananmen. The public wrote hundreds of letters to Mr Tung pressing him not to legislate for restrictions on speech and assembly.

Then there is international pressure. After President Clinton recently met Martin Lee, the chairman of Hong Kong's Democrats, Mr Tung tactfully delayed his trip to America. The G8 leaders have warned China not to harm Hong Kong: Beijing and Mr Tung have heard them. Their response is to insist that virtually nothing will change after the handover.

The Governor himself remains popular: Mr Tung wins 57 per cent approval in polls, Mr Patten almost 80 per cent. Although Mr Tung prefers "obligations" to "individual rights", he is hearing — and heeding — a different message from abroad and from what China calls "the broad masses". As the last British Governor leaves Hong Kong on *Britannia* next week, he bequeaths the colony a political legacy which Beijing can no longer throw overboard.



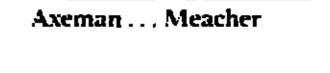
Forest chump

AS Michael Meacher, the Minister for the Environment, flew to New York for the Earth summit, he left behind an environmental ruckus in his own backyard. Meacher, one of the better-off, public school quotient in the Blair Cabinet, owns a small house in Hilcot End, a hamlet attached to the village of Ampney Crucis, in Gloucestershire. Recently, however, he filed a planning application to chop down 20 trees on his land in order to build a tennis court.

His neighbours are livid. "Have you ever heard of such a thing?" said one yesterday. "A Minister for the Environment who doesn't know the last thing about the environment." Worse, Meacher rarely uses the house. His constituency is in Oldham and he has a place in south London. "He is down here a few weekends a year at most," says his neighbour.

"He is very charming when he's here, but to think of chopping down all those trees for something as frivolous as a tennis court. Has he no idea how long it takes to recultivate a piece of woodland after it has been destroyed ?"

The Cotswold District Council promises no favouritism for Meacher when his application comes before the planning subcommittee. Meacher's office said the putative tree-feller of Ampney Crucis was halfway across the Atlantic and unable to comment.



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Cut . . .

THERE were celebrations at the British Film Institute on Friday night when staff learnt that their director, Wilf "Saddam" Stevenson, was to announce his resignation this morning. He is to join Gordon Brown's team of policy wonks at the Treasury.

Stevenson's dictatorial style of governance will not be missed. A chemist by training, he is blamed by many for sacrificing creative flair at the BFI to shiny marketing suits, and he has made no secret of his political ambition.

His departure leaves the BFI with two vacancies at the top. It is looking for a chairman to succeed Jeremy Thomas, the film producer whose successes include *The Great Rock 'n Roll Swindle* and *The Last Emperor*, and who leaves before the year is out. Friends of Melvyn Bragg say that he has been banging the drum rather obviously for the British film industry of late.

● *Hong Kong's Chinese have decided on a lowbrow fightback against the British who will be recreating the Last Night of the Proms in the colony to mark its handover on Monday. They have organised their own concert, starring Vanessa Mae, the Singaporean violinist and swimsuit model. She has composed a "reunification overture" to be called* Happy Valley *after the Hong Kong race course where she will be performing.*

Dolce vita

FOR THE second year running, the Prime Minister and his family are to spend their summer holidays in Tuscany. Secrecy shrouds their exact destination, but it is believed that they will once again be guests of the millionaire Labour MP Geoffrey Robinson, now the Paymaster General, with whom they stayed last August.

Robinson owns a holiday-castle worth £3 million near San Gimignano. A one-and-a-half mile drive runs through the olive groves to protect guests' privacy.

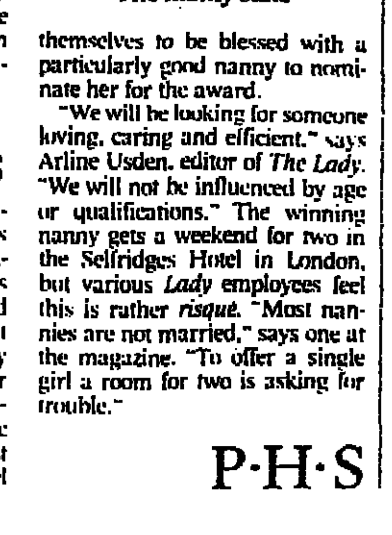
On his last visit, Blair made a great impression on the local women who in the main Tuscan newspaper voted him "the most admired man of the summer" for his "love of life, his intelligence and his frank, bourgeois ways".

To Italian journalists last year, Blair said: "Tuscany? I love it. There's so much history and culture, the weather's great and I like the wine." It is all so different from the Blairs' 1995 holiday destination: Butlin's, Bognor Regis.

"Rusedski must be playing"

Weaning ways

CHILDREN noticing an extra attentiveness in their nursemaids these days have *The Lady* magazine to thank, as this summer it is launching a competition to find "The Nanny of the Year". Since it was founded in 1885, the weekly magazine has been the bible for the more traditional British nanny, listing hundreds of domestic positions each week. This August it will urge any families who feel themselves to be blessed with a particularly good nanny to nominate her for the award.



The nanny state

"We will be looking for someone loving, caring and efficient," says Arline Usden, editor of *The Lady*. "We will not be influenced by age or qualifications." The winning nanny gets a weekend for two in the Selfridges Hotel in London, but various *Lady* employees feel this is rather *risqué*. "Most nannies are not married," says one at the magazine. "To offer a single girl a room for two is asking for trouble."

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NO EXCUSES LEFT

Blair must emphasise that this is Sinn Fein's last chance

Peace depends on patience. But this afternoon the Prime Minister must spell out when his will be exhausted. Tony Blair has devoted considerable care and time to Northern Ireland's future. He took a political risk by authorising officials to talk to Sinn Fein only to see the IRA show what they thought of his goodwill by murdering two police officers. The anger that the Prime Minister felt then prompted him to agree "precisely" with the Unionist MP Ken Maginnis's assessment of the IRA as "ruthless killers and politically irredeemable". Mr Blair's accord with the Irish Government on decommissioning could give republicans a last chance of redemption. It requires, however, a straightforward explanation from Mr Blair of how decommissioning would work, and what the consequences of continued violence will be for the IRA. Negotiations require compromise but they also need clarity.

The basis for progress towards inclusive talks has existed for 18 months, since before the IRA ended its ceasefire. Senator George Mitchell, the talks chairman, developed the principle of "parallel decommissioning" where paramilitary organisations would gradually give up their weapons while talks towards a political settlement took place. The agreement reached between London and Dublin appears to be based on Senator Mitchell's original proposals. That is welcome in so far as it goes. Devils lurk in the detail.

Mr Blair must emphasise again that, even before decommissioning becomes relevant, entry to talks depends on a clear and permanent renunciation of violence from the IRA accompanied by an end, not just to military campaigns, but to intimidation and beatings. He should also make it clear that parallel decommissioning requires, from the beginning, the visible, verifiable, surrender of parts of the IRA's arsenal. Decommissioning, not talks about the possibility of decommissioning, should occur alongside negotiations. Of course, even if the IRA was to hand over a significant tranche of its armoury, it would still retain the capability to return to war. The significance of decommissioning rests in its assertion that violence is at an end, and the reassurance it should give Unionists. If republicans are capable of responding seriously then there is hope.

The constitutional parties in the North, especially David Trimble's Ulster Unionists, should have a guarantee that the mechanics which will govern the handover of weapons are tight enough to prevent republicans wriggling out of their responsibilities. Mr Trimble has placed considerable trust in Mr Blair, and it seems justified so far. The Unionist leader appears inclined to support the Prime Minister's accord with Dublin, but if he is not to lose credibility with his supporters then he must not be invited to become party to an agreement which is less than watertight. If the Ulster Unionist leader were to sign up for a decommissioning scheme *in principle* which, in practice, allowed republicans to move at entirely their own pace then he, and progressive Unionism, would be in an impossible position.

It is the republicans who should be told that they will be placed in an impossible position if they do not call a ceasefire. They have a guarantee that if such a ceasefire is genuine, and deeds match words, then there is no impediment to their inclusion in talks and a final settlement. It will be difficult for the republican movement to adjust when violence has become both means and end for many but the Government must spell out the painful consequences of continuing the armed struggle. Sinn Fein should be told, by London, Dublin and the SDLP, that a settlement will be negotiated without it, the security machinery enhanced to frustrate its operations and the diplomatic community mobilised to end its fundraising abroad. If the IRA rejects this chance for peace, there are no excuses left.

THE NEW MEN

William Hague's baptism and his lacklustre front bench

For just two months, it was possible for the Tories to patronise the new Government. On one side of the Speaker sat John Major, 18 years in Parliament, 6½ of them as Prime Minister. On the other was Tony Blair, in Parliament only since 1983 and in office for a matter of weeks. Now the opportunity exists no longer; William Hague, who made his debut as leader yesterday, is greener still. This may have been the Prime Minister's first G7 summit; but suddenly it was he who looked experienced.

This has deprived the Conservatives of what used to be one of their best lines of attack. Eighteen years of continuous office gave the party an authority that Labour always lacked. The advantage was never going to last for long. But it will be missed in these first few months, when the Opposition needs to land blows on a sometimes over-exuberant Government. Mr Hague, unlike most of his leadership rivals, is hardly in a position to condescend.

So the new Tory leader will have to try to best Mr Blair on argument alone. Yesterday, in his first Commons outing, he acquitted himself respectably. The subject matter — global warming and the outcome of the Denver summit — was new to him. But Mr Hague showed a quick intelligence. The Tory leader dealt with Labour heckling calmly and with an assurance well beyond his years. His questions on the Prime Minister's statement were sharply focused. He managed to throw in the odd gibe about the social chapter, but the subject provided little opportunity for party point-scoring.

Mr Hague's first big test will come today, with Prime Minister's Questions. Even harder will be next Wednesday, traditionally the worst day in the Leader of the Opposition's year, when he has to reply, unprepared, to the Chancellor's Budget speech. Mr Hague, good at thinking on his feet, has to think hard in advance about how to turn this challenge into an opportunity.

Yesterday the new Tory leader also turned his attention to his front bench, designing one for the television cameras and another for the party. He flanked himself at the dispatch box with the old and the new: Sir Norman Fowler on his right and John Maples on his left. Further along sat Gillian Shephard, the only woman in the Shadow Cabinet but, as Shadow Leader of the House, one who will often occupy a seat within lens reach of the Opposition leader.

There are few women in Mr Hague's new team that was completed yesterday. Just two others — Cheryl Gillan and Angela Browning — join 49 men on the front benches. No place was found for Ann Widdecombe, despite her newfound fame. Indeed, the list of refuseniks and rebuffed is as interesting as the official appointments. David Davis, David Maclean and John Whittingdale also languish on the backbenches. Yet into shadow jobs come such unremarkable performers as Patrick Nicholls and Sir Patrick Cormack.

The best team has been put into Central Office, where Archie Norman will use his retail and marketing skills to help Lord Parkinson to breathe life into a moribund party. Mr Hague has learnt one thing from Mr Blair's experience: success in Parliament has to be matched by a revitalised party on the ground.

FLYING SORCERERS

Myths from Mars satisfy needs older than proof or disproof

Next Wednesday is the 50th anniversary of the Roswell incident. More than 100,000 believers are expected at this otherwise unremarkable town in the New Mexico desert in order to celebrate the birth of a potent modern myth, and to scan the sky for omens. For at Roswell on July 2, 1947, the age of the flying saucer was born.

Within days of the first sighting *The Times* became the first British source for the new phrase found by *The Oxford English Dictionary*: "Reports that dish-like objects, nicknamed 'flying saucers', have been seen travelling through the air at great speed have come from the United States and Canada." The vivid slang was soon replaced by the less flippant "unidentified flying object", or UFO. And the notion of alien visitors from space had taken root in the public imagination. The books, comics and films have ranged from doom-laden thrillers in the jet-stream of *The War of the Worlds* to cute encounters with loveable aliens. *ET* was the best Disney film that Disney never made.

Like most myths, the flying saucer had its genesis in real events. Fifty years ago a rancher found strange, shiny debris on the sand near Roswell. The army air forces issued a news release about the landing of a "flying disk", but next day changed their story to a downed weather balloon. Local residents declare that they watched soldiers put hairless aliens into body bags. And the modern myth took off. A recent Gallup poll found that 42 per cent of American college graduates believe that flying saucers have visited the Earth. More than 70 per cent of Americans believe their Government knows more about UFOs than it lets on. Thousands of Americans have reported being abducted by aliens.

The myth of UFOs sprang from the dawn of the atomic age and fed on fears of the Cold War and anxieties about new doomsday science and technologies. A nation of immigrants has an atavistic belief in the possibilities of immigration. And the last frontier for a land of new frontiersmen lies upwards. Space is not remote at all. As Nasa has shown, it is only an hour's drive away if a car could go straight upwards. Millennial anxiety and the public's healthy suspicion of official Washington attracted conspiracy and cover-up theorists with paranoid fantasies. Above all, ufology is a religious myth satisfying the age-old yearning that man is not alone in the Universe.

UFOs can be interpreted as a conflict between science and pseudo-science. It is alarming that so many millions "know" more about aliens than they do about thermodynamics. The tourist authorities of New Mexico are true and profiteering believers. Yesterday the US Air Force reported that the first flying saucer was a weather balloon and that the hairless aliens were dummies used to test parachutes. It can think again. More than an official report will be needed to ground the flying myths from outer space.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Saving the planet with green taxes and efficient energy

From Dr Eoin Lees, Chief Executive of the Energy Saving Trust

Sir, With domestic energy prices falling (report, "Spottiswoode gets her way over gas price curbs", Business, June 19), the duty on the gas and electricity regulators to take the environment into account increases in importance.

Since 1994, the Director-General for Electricity Regulation has required the electricity companies to implement a wide range of energy-efficiency schemes. These have proved highly successful and popular with customers, who are benefiting by more than £5 for each £1 of electricity company investment, and they are to be extended for a further two years from 1998. Sadly, however, Clare Spottiswoode, the Director General of Gas Supply, has not required gas companies to implement similar schemes.

Environmental concerns are currently in the ascendancy, and the Prime Minister now says that Britain will be taking a lead in the international effort to reduce greenhouse emissions (reports, June 23, 24). But the energy regulators are in a strong position to make an impact as far as energy efficiency is concerned. Let us therefore hope that Ms Spottiswoode will reconsider her position before the Kyoto conference in December.

Yours faithfully,
EOIN LEES,
Chief Executive, Energy Saving Trust,
11-12 Buckingham Gate, SW1.
June 24.

From Mr T. A. Hagan

Sir, Whatever inefficiencies governments may be accused of, their astuteness in the field of taxation can rarely be doubted. New Labour is making the most traditional of noises in this respect.

Vehicle fuel, like tobacco, is a prime example where taxation alone has very little effect upon consumption. More draconian methods of control are eschewed as unworkable, a term that may be paraphrased as being likely dramatically to reduce tax revenue.

Would it be hopelessly cynical to suggest that, in the case of products whose demand is unaffected by price, taxation is the least efficient means of controlling consumption but the most effective way of increasing revenue?

Yours faithfully,
T. A. HAGAN,
25 Lanyon Road,
Playing Place, Truro, Cornwall.
June 23.

From Mr A. D. Harris

Sir, If company-car taxes are increased further a "penal" element will be introduced. This can be avoided by companies substituting extra salary for the provision of cars, something many already do.

Yours sincerely,
A. D. HARRIS,
10 Evertons Close,
Droitwich, Worcestershire.
June 23.

From Mr Asanga Gunatillaka

Sir, While increasing tax on fuel and company cars seems a step in the right direction for achieving the Rio target, it is important that this extra revenue should be channelled back into public transport and not scattered throughout the Government's coffers.

London's Underground is a prime example of chronic underinvestment. While the city is booming on the surface, its underground system is falling into a state of ruin, and delays for commuters on the Tube are now part of Londoners' daily trek to work.

Mr Prescott must take major steps to halt the decay. A more user-friendly public transport system is needed before old habits can be changed for the better.

Yours faithfully,
ASANGA GUNATILLAKA,
15 Bentley Close, Horndean,
Waterlooville, Hampshire.
June 23.

From Mr E. S. Hooper, HM Coroner for South Yorkshire (East District)

Sir, I came to work here in my motor car today because the first bus from where I live does not arrive until 10 o'clock and the last one home leaves at five this afternoon.

In deciding what car tax (and tax on car insurance) I should pay (report, June 23) the Chancellor of the Exchequer should take into account the availability of public transport. Londoners have buses 24 hours a day, unlike those of us who live in Lincolnshire.

For environmental reasons Londoners' car taxes may be increased, but we who live in areas without adequate public transport should be taxed *less* than now, until realistic public transport justifies "green" taxes in rural areas.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY HOOPER,
HM Coroner for South Yorkshire
(East District),
5 Union Street,
Off St Sepulchre Gate West,
Doncaster, South Yorkshire.
June 23.

From Mr Dirk H. R. Jones

Sir, If raising revenue is indeed secondary to the "green" motive as proclaimed, would it not be far more effective to reduce taxation on items which encourage energy saving?

Why not zero-rate VAT on insulation, glass, solar heating units etc? I would love to be "greener", but first I am taxed for the privilege and then the local council says my roof solar panels would be "out of character".

A bit more carrot would be far more beneficial than yet more stick.

Yours faithfuly,
DIRK H. R. JONES,
Rorke's Drift, 26 Kennylands Road,
Sonning Common, Oxfordshire.
June 23.

From Mr P. B. Silcocks

Sir, With exquisite timing, my local railway station has announced a 25 per cent increase in parking charges in the same week that the Government is exhorting us to commute by public transport.

Yours etc,
PAUL SILCOCKS,
Wingates, Shatton Lane,
Bamford, South Yorkshire.
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June 24.

A rock too far

From Lord Campbell of Croy

Sir, Councillor Alan Bradley (letter, June 20) asks whether a planning authority is responsible for Rockall. I may be able to help.

In 1971, as Secretary of State for Scotland, I introduced and steered through Parliament the Bill that became the Island of Rockall Act. At the time when offshore oil was being discovered in the North Sea the Act registered the fact that the island is a Scottish one.

Rockall was constituted as part of a West Highland County, whose council was accordingly a planning authority. Counties in Scotland were abolished in the reorganisation of local government in 1975. Further changes two years ago have left district councils as the planning authorities and one of these should now be the successor responsible.

However, planning applications for long-term use are unlikely, owing to the extremely hostile and uncomfortable conditions of irregular rock and incessant gales.

Although even seagulls find it difficult, leaning against the wind, Rockall as a habitat should be for the birds.

Yours faithfully,
CAMPBELL of CROY,
House of Lords.
June 23.

Control of pain

From Dr Jonathan Bannister

Sir, I am concerned that your report, "New painkiller speeds recovery from surgery" (June 11), may misinform patients about the reasons for requiring intensive care after surgery. Morphine and similar drugs, when administered appropriately, very rarely cause breathing difficulties requiring mechanical support of breathing post-operatively. Intensive care is required either because of the extent of the surgery or the relative illness of the patient.

The new painkiller, Remifentanil, certainly has a place in the anaesthetists' armamentarium, but only during the operation. It must be remembered that because it wears off very rapidly, the patient may immediately be in pain. Another opioid, such as morphine, is then needed to control pain.

For some major surgery, such as repair of the abdominal aorta, many anaesthetists now use epidural analgesia post-operatively. This has led to a large decrease in the number of those patients requiring intensive care after surgery. Sedatives are not used in modern acute pain control.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN BANNISTER
(Consultant in anaesthesia and
pain management),
Ninewells Hospital and
Medical School,
Dundee, Tayside.
June 14.

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Union reply on Prince and politics

From the General Secretary of NASUWT

Sir, I am surprised that some of your correspondents (letters, June 19) should support the breach of our unwritten constitution which enjoins the Royal Family to remain outside political debate. In condemning the state education service as a "somewhat failed system" in his television interview with Sir David Frost on June 15 the Prince of Wales made a highly controversial political statement.

I am equally astonished that some support Prince Charles in his assertion that it is the system which is at fault, implying that individuals carry no responsibility for their own fate. Let me quote the Chief Inspector himself, Chris Woodhead, writing the introduction to his latest annual report:

> Despite the intensity of the national debate about the need to rediscover moral truths, most teachers do an excellent job in contributing to their pupils' social and moral development.

Confusingly, the Prince of Wales also questioned unspecified teaching methods, while at the same time calling for a "mature consensus". This already exists. Most teachers believe that a mix of methods is the appropriate way forward, a view also supported by the Chief Inspector.

As for standards, all the objective evidence by way of national tests and public examination results, together with participation rates in further and higher education, indicate that these have risen over the years, even though they may not be improving quickly enough or be sufficient to compete successfully with those of some other nations.

Far from being "reasoned", as suggested by Mr Ken Jones (letter, June 19), the Prince's intervention was ill-informed, ill-considered and illogical. By branding the state education service as "somewhat failed" he was dismissing some half a million teachers as failures.

You cannot enter the political arena and accuse others of failure without exposing yourself. That is just another reason why the Royal Family should respect our unwritten constitution and keep out of politics.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL de GRUCHY,
General Secretary,
NASUWT,
5 King Street, Covent Garden, WC2.
June 20.

Delius's lost son

From Mr Mark Pappenheim

Sir, Whatever revelations the violinist Tasmin Little (not Tamsin as you have it) may think she has in store for us next month in BBC2's *Delius's Lost Son* (Diary, June 16), she should not read too much into the fact that the Bradford-born composer and his presumed son by a black woman in Florida, one Frederick W. Baker, apparently bore the same first name.

At the time of his supposedly seminal first visit to Florida, in 1884-85, the 22-year-old Delius was still known by his given name of Fritz. He was not to change it to Frederick until 1903, the year of his marriage to Jelka.

Yours faithfully,
MARK PAPPENHEIM,
5 Toronto Terrace,
Lewes, East Sussex.
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June 16.

Sales patter

From Mr Vernon Kennard

Sir, Having purchased a "pair of chinos" in Detroit, your correspondent, Mr Andrew Allison (letter, June 17), was encouraged by the sales assistant to "enjoy your pants".

Some of us denizens of the Outer Hebrides have never heard of chinos and need to know what they are and why they make you pant.

Are they liable to affect us out here in any way or, worse still, frighten the sheep?

Yours faithfully,
VERNON KENNARD (crofter),
Boghaglas,
Isle of Harris,
Outer Hebrides.
vernon@easynet.co.uk
June 18.

Speaking up for art

From the Director of the National Portrait Gallery

Sir, It is neither necessary to wait until November nor to travel to Liverpool to see paintings by young British artists (letter, June 23).

On Thursday, the 18th BP Portrait Award exhibition opens at the National Portrait Gallery in London. As always, it has attracted huge numbers of entries from artists under the age of 40. The standard is, if anything, higher than in previous years. It demonstrates that the act of painting continues to absorb the creative energies of young artists.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES SAUMAREZ SMITH,
Director,
National Portrait Gallery,
St Martin's Place, WC2.
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June 23.

A legal career

From Mr John Pelican

Sir, The Open University and the College of Law are set to disappoint would-be lawyers (report, "OU degree will widen access to legal career", June 17).

Many mature, able people have already trained for the law, at enormous personal expense, only to be blocked from practice by the ageism and unadventurous recruitment policy of chambers. The new OU law course will add to the number of such people, and to the aggregate misery caused thereby. *Caveant emptores!*

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PELICAN,
Flat C,
27 Maude Road, Camberwell, SE5.
June 18.

New Oxford quad sets dons at odds

From Professor Emeritus Kenneth Kirkwood

Sir, Simon Jenkins's delightful and perceptive article ("Oxford's dreaming minaret", June 21) rightly dwells on the benefits of a much-needed centre for the study of the Islamic world. But equally stimulating is his informed appraisal of Oxford's very varied architectural enterprises in recent decades.

Many who have studied in detail the site and plans of the gifted Abdel Wahed al-Wakil share the opinion of the President of Magdalen, quoted by Mr Jenkins, that the proposal is "enchanting, with quadrangles and gardens leading into one another in the best Oxford fashion".

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies has earned a deserved reputation for openness and excellence of scholarship during the 12 years since its foundation. Individuals of all faiths and philosophies have always been welcomed to lectures, seminars and other activities, and to participate in free discussion.

The contribution to Oxford and Britain by those responsible for the centre has been characterised by generosity and a desire to deepen understanding and to extend constructive dialogue throughout the Commonwealth and the world.

Yours truly,
KENNETH KIRKWOOD,
233 Woodstock Road, Oxford.
June 21.

From Mr Mark Barrington-Ward

Sir, Simon Jenkins is wrong to treat the dispute over the Oxford Islamic studies centre as a battle of the styles. The objection to this building, as to so many developers' proposals, is that it is too big for its site. It is a storey or more higher than its recently built neighbours. It will be as high as New College's overbearing Victorian buildings in Holywell Street.

The design, with its three-sided courtyard at the eastern end, depends on keeping open the remaining land on either side of the approach road from Manor Place. But the Islamic studies centre does not control this area. Merton College kept it, offering only a right of way. Both Merton and St Catherine's have expressed interest in building there. If building were allowed the total result would be gross overdevelopment, hemming in Holywell cemetery, now an official wildlife sanctuary.

The use of this L-shaped piece of land needs to be planned as a whole with proper regard for its surroundings.

Yours sincerely,
MARK BARRINGTON-WARD,
8 Apsley Road, Oxford.
June 22.

Town v gown

From Mr Philip Rogers

Sir, If the city council allows a business school to be built in Rewley Road (report, June 18), bang goes Oxford's last chance to have an integrated transport interchange, an hotel and associated commercial development on this former station site.

Too much university building has been permitted recently on what might be regarded as land for the citizens. St Anne's has student accommodation going up in South Parade. Wadham is building on ground which was once designated for a new Summertown library.

The university does have other options. What about the Local Examinations Delegacy premises in Ewert Place, now on loan to the University of Cambridge?

There is another prime site in the centre of Oxford which has remained derelict for centuries. Christ Church Meadow has enough room for a business school and an Islamic centre. This could be developed to provide a river walk to equal the Backs. The university has a moral duty to use its own land first.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP ROGERS,
8 Bainton Road, Oxford.
June 18.

Newnham's dilemma

From Mr Ben O'Loughlin

Sir, I was interested to read today that at Newnham College, Cambridge, a woman who was a man should not be a fellow because fellows had to be women and that they had all "been made monkeys of".

Yours, baffled,
BEN O'LOUGHLIN,
20 West End,
Brampton, Huntingdon.
June 24.

From Mr Martin F. Marix Evans

Sir, When I went up some 35 years ago, it was said that the fellows of Caius, a college forbidden to dogs, preserved both the principles of their statutes and their respect for the individual when the problem of a new Master's household pet was resolved by the declaration that "the Master's dog shall be deemed a cat".

I remain, Sir, etc,
MARTIN MARIX EVANS,
The Wilderness,
3 Murswell Lane, Silverstone,
Towcester, Northamptonshire.
June 24.

COURT CIRCULAR

HOTEL NEWFOUNDLAND, ST JOHN'S

June 24: The Queen this morning opened Ryan Premises National Historic Site, Bonavista, and was received by the Minister of Canadian Heritage (the Hon Sheila Copps MP).

Her Majesty was afterwards received at Golden Heights Manor by the Chairman of Peninsulas Health Care Board (Mr Frank Crews) and met residents and staff.

This afternoon The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended a luncheon at Discovery Collegiate, Bonavista, to mark the five hundredth anniversary of John Cabot's landing in Newfoundland and were received by the Chair of Vista '97 (Mr George Clements).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later laid a wreath at the Bonavista War Memorial.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Matthew Project, afterwards attended a celebration and re-enactment of the *Matthew* landfall at Bonavista harbour and were received by the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador (the Hon Brian Tobin) and the Mayor of Bonavista (His Worship Donald Tremblett).

His Royal Highness this morning visited the Canadian Forces Base, Gander, and presented a Standard to 103 Search and Rescue Squadron.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Lord Camoys (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for Sir David Hildyard (formerly Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva) which was held in St Luke's Church, Sydney Street, London SW3, today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 24: The Princess Royal this afternoon attended a Garden Party followed by a meeting of the Green College Advisory Council at Green College, Radcliffe Observatory, Woodstock Road, Oxford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire (Mr Hugo Brunner).

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner at Green College.

CLARENCE HOUSE

June 24: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Patron of Moor House School, this morning received the Principal (Mr Alan Robertson) and members of the Staff and pupils to mark the School's Fiftieth Anniversary.

Mrs Jane Walker-Okeover has succeeded the Lady Angela Oswald as Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

YORK HOUSE

June 24: The Duke of Kent, President, this morning opened the Stroke Association's Therapy Research Unit at Hope Hospital, Salford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Elcometer Instruments Limited, Edge Lane, Droylsden, Manchester, and later visited the Emmaus in Greater Manchester Project for the Homeless, Longlands Mill, Queen Street, Mossley, Tameside, Greater Manchester.

The Duke of Kent, Royal Fellow, the Royal Academy of Engineering, this evening attended a Dinner and presentation of the MacRobert Awards at Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club Wimbledon Championships, London SW19.

Royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will have luncheon with members of the Women's Royal Army Corps Association at the Army and Navy Club, at 1.00.

The Prince of Wales as President, Business in the Community, will visit Horrocks's Centenary Mill, New Hall Lane, Preston, at 10.10; will visit Marks & Spencer, Fishergate, Preston, at 11.00; will visit Preston North End Football Club at 11.40; will visit Moor Park County High School, Moor Park Avenue, Preston, at 1.10; and will visit Leyland Trucks, Croston Road, Leyland, at 2.10.

The Princess Royal will attend the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association's 150th anniversary show at the showground, Dereham Road, New Costessey, Norwich, at 10.45.

Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President, the Guide Association, will give a reception at Kensington Palace for Queen's Guides at 5.00.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron, ICOMOS UK (International Council on Monuments and Sites) will attend the summer meeting at Canterbury Cathedral at 10.30; will visit St Augustines Abbey at 1.30; and will visit St Martin's Church at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent, President, will visit the headquarters of the RNLI at West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, at 11.25 and will name a lifeboat RNLB *Edward, Duke of Windsor*. Later, as Patron, he will visit Aidis Trust Headquarters, Cabot Lane, Poole, at 2.45.

The Duchess of Kent, President, will attend the Macmillan Cancer Relief Rally and annual meeting, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London SW1, at 11.30.

Reception

The Lord Chancellor and the Speaker

The Lord Chancellor and the Speaker were the hosts at a reception held yesterday at the Palace of Westminster to honour India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and the contribution of people from those countries now resident in the United Kingdom from the legal and medical professions and local and central government. Members of the former Indian Civil Service and of both Houses of Parliament were present.

Meeting

National Art Collections Fund

The Annual General Meeting of the National Art Collections Fund was held at the National Gallery, London, on Tuesday, June 24. Sir Nicholas Goodison, Chairman, Mr David Barrie, Director, and Mr Rupert Hambro, Treasurer, were the speakers.

Rugby School

The following have been awarded Music Scholarships at 13+:

Celine Chan, S Anselms; Thomas Wicksteed, S Anselms; Francesco Crivelli, CLIP, Portugal; Elise Aitchison, Berkhamsted Collegiate School; Charlotte Packman, Heath Mount; Lucy Burns, Rugby High School.

Service dinner

269 Squadron RAF Association

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough and Air Vice-Marshal G.A. Chesworth were among the guests at the 75th annual reunion dinner of the 269 Squadron Association and its RNAS predecessor, held recently, at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. Group Captain H.H. Eccles presided. Squadron Leader E. Whitmore also spoke.

Calla lilies bring exotic colours to the RHS flower show

Heavy rain and cold cut down carnations

By Alan Toogood
HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

CALLA lilies are creating an exotic splash of colour among the more conventional summer blooms at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show.

The collection of dwarf kinds, staged by Mystral, of Shenley, Hertfordshire, ranges from brilliant yellow "Golden Star" to new and unusual colours such as orange "Mango" and cultivars in shades of purple and pink. With their large tubular flowers and silver spotted arrow-shaped leaves they are handsome and unusual subjects for indoor or outdoor cultivation. Outdoors these tuberous-rooted plants, botanically known as zantedeschias, are treated like dahlias and stored in a frost-free place for the winter.

Part of the National Collection of lavenders shown by Downderry Nursery, of Ditton, Kent, is attracting considerable interest from visitors but unfortunately a number of new tender species being shown for the first time are not yet available and difficult to grow. The most distinctive are *Lavandula aristibracteata* from north Somalia and *L. pubescens* from the Middle East and Egypt, both with ferny leaves and blue flowers. *L. stoechas* var *stoechas* "Fathead", a newcomer that is available, was discovered by the proprietor, Simon Charlesworth, and has tubby heads of purple flowers.

Another unusual exhibit at this show, which opened in Westminster yesterday, is a collection of climbing plants from The Plantsman Nursery, of Throwleigh, Devon. This comparatively new specialist nursery is showing some choice hardy and tender climbers, including *Hydrangea seemanii*, a vast improvement on the normal climbing hydrangea and equally hardy, with handsome glossy elliptic evergreen leaves and large pure white lacecap flowers.

A collection of tulbaghias, ornamental garlic relations, is shown by Heather and Brian Hiley, of Wallington, Surrey. "These South African bulbs are underrated and deserve to be grown more widely," said Mr Hiley, who is showing 12 species and hybrids, both hardy and tender. Some species have fragrant flowers, such as the deep pink *Tulbaghia violacea*, and all have an unusually long flowering period — up to nine months.

The old Malmaison carnations with their rich clove fragrance originated in France. Marshall's Malmaisons, of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, run by Jim Marshall, hold the National Collection, part of which can be seen at the show. "Tayside Red" and "Old Blush" have rather unshapely flowers, while those of the more modern "Duchess of Westminster" and "Marmion" have a regular shape and resemble perpetual-flowering carnations.

The recent heavy rain and cold weather in some areas has caused several competitors to pull out of the British National Carnation Society's competition, being held in conjunction with the RHS show. But although it is small the quality is high. Mr L. Pye, of Chingford, Essex, the leading prizewinner in the section for perpetual-flowering carnations, has won the Lady Emsley Carr salver for six blooms. In the section for pinks, a leading prizewinner, Mr J. Linnell, of Duncote, Northamptonshire, has been awarded the Lindabruce Cup for three vases of pinks. Mr J. Radcliffe, of Romford, Essex, has scooped the C.H. Herbert Cup for three cultivars raised by the exhibitor: "Trisha's Choice" and "Eliza's Choice", both splashed with light and dark pink, and "Rhian's Choice", crimson.

☐ The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

A calla lily comes under close inspection from a visitor to the show

Luncheon

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce

Mr John Cleghorn, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Bank of Canada, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at the Tower Thistle Hotel. Mr Colin Parsons, vice-president, was in the chair. Lord Shaughnessy and the Agent General for British Columbia were among those present.

The Royal Academy of Engineering

The Duke of Kent, KG, GCMG, GCVO, Royal Fellow of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presented certificates and medals for major engineering achievements last night at the President's Mid-Summer Dinner held in London.

Professor Geoffrey Hewitt, FEng, FRS, announced the Finalists for the 1997 Royal Academy of Engineering MacRobert Award which is given annually for an outstanding innovation in engineering of benefit to the community. This year's Finalists are:

BP Exploration Wytch Farm for developments in Extended Reach Drilling; Pilkington Optronics for Head Up Display Optics for Civil Aircraft; University of Surrey for developments in Satellite Communications and Technology; Whipp & Bourne, a division of FKI Engineering for the Pole Mounted Auto-Reclosing Circuit Breaker.

Dr Duncan Michael, FEng, then announced the winners of The Academy's 1997 Silver Medals awarded in recognition of outstanding and demonstrated personal contributions to British engineering which have led to market exploitation. This year's winners are:

Dr Graham A. Honeyman, Forged Rolls (UK) Limited; Dr Richard J. Laming, University of Southampton; Dr Julian P. Packer, Combined Power Systems Limited; Mr Michael J. Terrett, Rolls-Royce Commercial Aero Engines Limited.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.S.S. Blaikie and Miss S.E. Martiny

The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Dr Stephen Blaikie, of Trevor Street, Knightsbridge, and of Mrs Blaikie, of Haslemere, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Martiny, of Beacon Hill, Surrey.

Mr D.W. Crawford and Miss S.N. Umney

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alec Crawford, of Albury, Surrey, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Umney, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr S. Faragalli and Miss I.M.A. Bowater

The engagement is announced between Simone, only son of Mr and Mrs Giacomo Faragalli, of Rome, Italy, and Isabel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bowater, of Claygate, Surrey.

Mr T.J. Gandon and Miss S.K. Pharo-Tomlin

The engagement is announced between Thomas John, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Henry Gandon, of Ide Hill, Kent, and Sally Kate, elder daughter of Colonel John Pharo-Tomlin and the late Mrs Pharo-Tomlin, of Leigh, Surrey.

Mr J.M.E. Ross and Miss S. Salter

The engagement is announced between Miles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Ross, of Bromesberrow Heath, Gloucestershire, and Saskia, elder daughter of Mr Stephen Salter, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Safaya Hemming, of Woodford Halse, Northamptonshire.

Mr A. Perrone Da Zara and Miss H. Beaumont

The engagement is announced between Alberto, eldest son of Signor and Signora Emilio Perrone Da Zara, of Florence, Italy, and Hattie, daughter of Mr W. Beaumont and Mrs J. Mansfield, of North Yorkshire.

Mr B.W. Rickards and Miss Y.C. Haywood

The engagement is announced between Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Rickards, of Wandsworth Common, and Ysanne, daughter of Mrs Jenny Haywood, of Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Mr W.O.H. Sowton and Miss S.J. Winstone

The engagement is announced between Oliver, younger son of Major and Mrs Michael Sowton, of Twyford, Hampshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Winstone, of Easton, Hampshire.

Mr P.M. Williams and Miss M.L. Dearing

The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ken Williams, of Wrexham, Clwyd, and Melissa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Noel Dearing, of Biddenden, Kent.

Marriage

Mr A.M.E. Barlow and Miss S.L. Chambers

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 21, at St Mary's, Acton, Nantwich, Cheshire, of Mr Andrew Barlow, son of Mr and Mrs Mark Barlow, and Miss Sarah Chambers, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Chambers. The Rev Mark Rylands officiated.

Memorial service

Sir David Hildyard

The Queen was represented by Lord Camoys at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir David Henry Thoroton Hildyard, a former Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, held yesterday at St Luke's, Sydney Street, SW3.

The Rev Christopher Kevill-Davies officiated. Mr Robert Hildyard, QC, son, read the first lesson and from the works of John Bunyan, and Lady Falconer of Thoroton, daughter, read the second lesson. Mr F. W. Marten, gave an address.

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service were represented by Sir Michael Pike. Among others present were:

Lady Hildyard (widow), Lord Falconer of Thoroton, QC (son-in-law), Mrs Robert Hildyard (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Nicholas Luard (stepson-in-law and stepdaughter), Mrs Christopher Longmore (stepdaughter-in-law), Catherine Hildyard, Alexandra Hildyard, the Hon Hamish Falconer, the Hon Rocco Falconer, the Hon Rosie Falconer and the Hon Johnny Falconer (grandchildren), Miss Honey Luard and Mr and Mrs Richard Longmore (stepgrandchildren), Mr Myles Hildyard (brother) and other members of the family.

The Earl and Countess Jellicoe, the Earl of Harrowby, Katharine Viscountess Macmillan, Lord and Lady Holderness, Lord and Lady Vernon, Lord Broughshane, Lord Derwent, Nadine Lady Killearn, Sir Percy Cradock, Sir Michael Palliser, Lady Dora Pink, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Mrs Hildyard, Helen Lady Delves Broughton, Sir Reresby Sitwell, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Sir Harold Beeley, Sir Derek and Lady Dodson, Lady Stewart, Lady Balfour, Sir Cyril Townsend (representing the South Atlantic Council).

Sir Michael and Lady Alexander, Lady Pilcher, Sir Nicholas Strutt, Sir Frederick Mason, Sir Richard Parsons, Sir Kenneth James (Brooks's Club), Lady Bayliss, Lady Gage, Sir Martin Le Quesne, Sir Edward and Lady Tomkins, Sir Stephen (St Andrew's Trust) and Lady Egerton, Sir Reginald Seconde.

Mrs F W Marten, Mr and Mrs Michael Marten, Mr David Marten, Mr and Mrs Vane Ivanovic, Mrs Vincent Paravicini, Mr John K Hickman, Ms Prunella Briance (Diplomatic Neighbours), Mr William Taylor, QC, Mr Tom Sewell, Mr and Mrs Piers Dixon, Mr Roger Venables (Anglo Chile Society), Mrs Edward Sutro.

Dr Walter Ellis, Mr David Goddard, Mr John Heath, Mr R A M Forrest (Reform Club), Mr Mark Lloyd-Price and Mr William G Bridges (Lombard Odier International Portfolio Management), Mr Henry B McKenzie Johnston, Mr Ian S Lockhart (Charles Russell Solicitors) and many other friends and colleagues.

Birthdays today

Dame Margaret Anstee, former Under-Secretary General, United Nations, 71; Mr Peter Blake, painter, 65; Sir Jack Boles, former Director-General, National Trust, 72; Rear-Admiral Richard Cobbold, 55; Sir Alcon Copisarow, first chairman, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, 77; Sir Robin Dent, banker, 68; Mr Cyril Fletcher, broadcaster, 84; Mr Derek Foster, MP, 60; Mrs Margaret Gray, former Headmistress, Godolphin and Latymer School, 84; General Sir Roland Guy, 69; Mr Eddie Large, comedian, 55; Mr Sidney Lumet, film director, 73; Mr George Michael, singer, 34; Mr R.M. Morgan, Warden, Radley College, 57; the Hon Sir Charles Morrison, former MP, 65; Sir Gerrard Neale, former MP, 56; Mr Howard Newby, novelist, 79; Sir Kenneth Oxford, former Chief Constable, Merseyside, 73; Lord Ravensdale, 74; Mr Larry Smith, trade unionist, 74; Mr Robert Venturi, architect, 72; Miss Doreen Wells, ballerina, 60; Canon K.H. Wilkinson, Head Master, King's School, Canterbury, 49; Professor Sir Arnold Wolfendale, FRS, former Astronomer Royal, 70.

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BIRTHS

BEAUMONT - See Perrone Da Zara.

BOWERMAN - On 21st June, to Sarah and Charles, another son, William Samuel.

BRICE - On 21st June, to Diana and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Amelia Felicity Harvey.

BROWNLOW - On June 20th, to Amanda (née Watson) and Jamie, a son, William Magrath Chamberlain, a brother for Aidina.

CHELTON - On June 19th, to Sarah (née Russell) and Hugo, a son, William Guy Rupert, a brother for Toby.

DAY - On 21st June 1997 at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, to Steven and Sarah, a son, Samuel Steven, a brother to Harriet Sarah.

EISENHARDT - On 20th June at St Thomas', to Valerie and Peter, a son, Oliver Antony, a brother for Max.

FORSYTH - On 22nd June 1997 at The Royal Free, Hampstead to Nicola (née Forsyth) and Reiner Hecken, a son, Joshua Jack.

GRANT - On June 21st 1997, to Maureen (née Innes) and Duncan, a son, Alasdair John.

HOLLOWAY - On June 22nd in Oxford, to Alexandra (Threlfall) and Paul, a son, Horatio Arthur Ian, a brother for Orlando, Aidan, Archie and Maude.

JENNINGS - To Simon and Susanne, a daughter, Josephine Annelie, a sister for Alexandra and Lukas, on 9th June, 1997, in Zürich, Switzerland.

LUMBY - On 19th June 1997, to Philly (née Tree) and Alex, a daughter, Annabel Kate Rawson.

MOORBY - On June 24th, to Lesly (née McCullough) and Christopher, a daughter, Isabella Mary Ann.

NEIL - On June 12th to Josephine (née Fletcher-Watson) and Charles, a daughter Charlotte Mary.

PARRY - On June 21st, to Sarah (née Maude) and Richard, a son, Timothy, a brother for Sophie, Emily and William.

PERRONE DA ZARA - On June 14th, to Hattie (née Beaumont) and Alberto, a son, Eduardo.

TAYLOR - On June 9th at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Elizabeth Stubbs and Roger Taylor, a daughter.

WATSON - On June 21st, to Finella (née Stafford Charles) wife of Richard, a daughter, Georgina, a sister for Olivia.

YAMAMOTO - On 16th June, at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, a son, Kohei, a brother for Mika.

DEATHS

BOCK - Mary Annie died on 22nd June 1997. Much loved mother of Joanna and grandmother of Liv. Your night of agony is over, what remains are memories of summer evening walks, thundery August nights and your Prince waiting for you at the days' end. Goodbye, dear Mary. I loved you very much. Joanna.

BROOKFIELD - David Guy Hanmer suddenly on Sunday 22nd June aged 76 at King Edward VII Hospital, beloved husband of Angela and devoted father of Janie, Fi, Mandy and Ed. Funeral Service to be held on Monday 30th June at St Mary the Virgin, Fittleworth at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations to "Project Heartbeat" - King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. (Enquiries tel: F/D 01798 342174).

CHILDS - David John peacefully on 22nd June in Bristol having lost his battle against cancer, aged 69. Dearly loved father of Nicholas, Jeremy, Helen and Diana and sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral service and cremation will take place on Monday June 30th, 1.30 pm at Canford Crematorium, Bristol. Floral tributes and/or donations for the Bristol Oncology Centre Appeal may be sent c/o Thomas Davis Funeral Directors, Southville Lodge, Southville, Bristol BS3 1DJ.

DUNNE - Donal John on 21st June. Loved by all whose lives he touched. Funeral enquiries: 01243 860408.

FORT - Frederick Neville passed away June 21st 1997 aged 82 years after a long illness and is survived by his wife Joan and daughter Caroline. Cremation Southampton Crematorium East Chapel Friday June 27th at 3 pm. No flowers by request but donations if desired for "Friends of Lyndhurst Surgery" c/o J. Sturney Funeral Director, Pikes Hill, Lyndhurst, Hants.

FRANKLAND - Edward Raven Percy on June 20th 1997. So greatly loved and loving husband of Juliet and brother of Helga and Noble. Funeral Service at St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale, on Thursday June 26th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings c/o Glyn Jones Funeral Director, 12 Battlebarrow, Appleby-in-Westmorland, Cumbria, CA16 6XS.

FULLERTON - Jane Mooney MB, BCh, BAO, DPH, FRC Path, Emeritus Cons. Guys Hospital, Home Office Pathologist, F/LT. R.A.F. 1943-46. Suddenly at home on Monday 23rd June 1997, in her 82nd year. Sister of Nancy Clark, Aunt of James and Jane, loving Great-Aunt to Emma, James, Charles and Lydia. Thanksgiving Service at Beckenham Crematorium on Friday 27th June at 4 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to St Christopher's Hospice, c/o H. Copeland & Son, 9 Bromley Road, Beckenham, BR3 5NT. 0181 650 2295.

GEARY - (Née Smith) Julia. On 19th June 1997 peacefully in The Royal Marsden Hospital. Greatly missed by family and friends. Cremation Service Monday 30th June 11.30 am at Mortlake Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research Campaign, 10 Cambridge Terrace, London NW1 4JL.

HANKEY - Victoria Elisabeth (Tory) suddenly but peacefully at Mill House Nursing Home, Norfolk, on June 20th 1997. Beloved wife of the late L.H.A. Hankey (Mark) OBE, a dearly loved sister of Vere, the late Eddie and Norris and a much loved aunt and friend to so many. Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday July 1st at 1.45pm at All Saints, North Wootton, King's Lynn. Donations if wished for North Wootton Church, at the service or c/o Fakenham and District Funeral Services, Market Hill, Colkirk, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 7NU. No letters please. All enquiries to (01328) 851915.

INGRAMS - Victoria (née Reid) on 23rd June aged 89 at home, mother of Richard and Leonard. Funeral at Ellon Aberdeenshire, Church of Our Lady and St John the Baptist, 1.30 pm Monday June 30th followed by burial Slains Church, Collieston. Requiem Mass at Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Cheyne Row, Friday July 4th at 12 noon.

JEAKINS - Betty peacefully at Whitby on 22nd June (formerly of London).

JENKINSON - On 22nd June, peacefully at St Michael's Hospice, Hereford, Rosamund, dearly loved by all who knew her. Her funeral will be at Hereford Crematorium on Friday, 27th June at 10.30 am.

JULIUS - On Tuesday 24th June peacefully Frances Julius. Most dearly beloved mother of Coral Samuel, Gita and Basil Feldman, Janise and Howard Bogard, Helene and Bill Safire dear sister of Kitty Angel and Freda Davis and adored grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Thursday 26th June 2.30 pm at the Western Cemetery, Edmonton. Prayers Thursday night only 8 pm.

KENDERDINE - Gordon Robert. On 17th June, 1997 suddenly but peacefully after a short illness courageously borne. Devoted husband of Jacquelyne and a much loved, darling Father of Bryony, Fenella and Jane and loving grandfather to Venetia, Robbie and Callum, James, Rosanna and Joshua, Ross and Jack. Private Cremation has taken place. Donations if wished in his memory to the N.S.P.C.C. c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, Funeral Directors, High Street, Burwash, E. Sx. TN19 7ET.

KNIGHT BRUCE - Robert Nigel Cleave on 24th June, at home. Funeral on Friday at Shobrooke Church, Crediton.

LEES-SMITH - On June 18th after a long illness very bravely borne, Patrick Hastings, dearly loved and loving husband of Elizabeth, father of Alistair, father-in-law of Ann, grandfather of Richard, brother of Edward S.S.F., elder son of the late the Rt. Hon. H.B. Lees-Smith and of Lady Uvedale of North End. Funeral in the Lady Chapel Hereford Cathedral on Monday June 30th at 2 pm followed by burial at Breinton. Rather than flowers, donations for Cantilupe Community Nursing Fund may be sent to Bayley Brothers (Hereford) Ltd., Cotterell Street, Hereford.

LYRAS - Angela George sadly passed away peacefully at her home in Athens on 23rd June 1997. The funeral service will be held at 11 am on Thursday 26th June at the St Nicholoas Cathedral, Amaroussion, Athens. Condolences may be sent to the family c/o Lyras Maritime Ltd, 24-26 Baltic Street, London EC1Y 0RP.

NEEDHAM - Catherine (Kitty). On June 21st 1997 peacefully in the loving care of the Sisters and staff at St George's Retreat, Ditchling, Sussex. Dearly loved mother of Guy and Catherine Jane. Funeral 10 am on Friday June 27th at St George's Retreat Chapel. Enquiries to R.A. Brooks & Son, Haywards Heath, tel: (01444) 454391.

PETTY - Mavis (née Lock) Peacefully on 20th June at Greenwich District Hospital. Funeral at 2.30pm, 27th June, at Lewisham Crematorium. Loved by all her friends and family, especially her daughter Alison and grand-daughter Antonia. Any donations in lieu of flowers to the Cancer Macmillan Fund. Enquiries: Francis Chappell & Sons 0181 858 2966.

PHILLIPS - Sheila Esme aged 88 at Orchard Lodge, Fairlie, after a short illness. Wife of the late D.M.P. Phillips, mother of John and Elizabeth and stepmother of Jean, Rachel and Priscilla. Funeral private. A memorial service will be held at Largs later. No flowers, but if desired, donations to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, 235 Corstorphine Road, EH12 7AR.

PIM - Suddenly but peacefully at home on June 21st 1997. John Robert (Bob) Pim, aged 72 years. Dearly loved husband of Rowena and a much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service on Tuesday July 1st 2 pm at St Marys Church, West Charleton. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Island Trust, c/o I.C.C. Salcombe.

RANSOM - Richard Francis (Dick) died peacefully on Monday June 23rd at the Hope Nursing Home, Cambridge after many years of ill health borne with great fortitude. Formerly of Hitchin and St Ives, Huntingdon. Much loved husband of Hazel, father of Michael, Mark and the late Jane, Susan and Timothy. Grandfather of Henrietta, Charlotte, Sophie and Brough, Anthony and Julia, Alex and Anna, Rupert and Thomas. Great-Grandfather of Rebecca, Rupert and Saskia and Theo. Father-in-law of Jane, Chris and Sue. Funeral Service to be held at Madingley Church on Monday 30th June at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Cambridge City Crematorium at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired, donations for the benefit of the Hope Nursing Home, Residents and Staff Fund, may be sent c/o Harry Williams & Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge CB4 3EJ.

SMITH - See Geary.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

HOLLAND - Antonia. 25/6/96. Remembering with love a very dear friend.

KNIGHT - Brendan died June 25th 1987. Always remembered by family and friends. R.I.P.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR YNYR PROBERT

Major Ynyr Probert, MC, artillery officer on the Somme, died on June 13 aged 100. He was born on March 11, 1897.

The oldest of former artillery officers at the time of his death, Ynyr Probert took part in both the first and second Battles of the Somme, publishing his memoirs of the front more than 70 years later. He also served in the Second World War.

Ynyr Roger Hilton Probert was born near Bures, Suffolk, the son of Colonel William Probert, Equerry and Comptroller to Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll. His mother had been the little girl on whom John Tenniel based his drawings for the *Alice* books in the 1860s and 1870s.

He was educated at Eton, in Eggar's and Stone's House, from 1910 to 1913. Leaving school, he spent a few months at a crammer before training at Woolwich. He was commissioned at 18 and sent to France to face the horror of the Somme. His diary records the gallant spirit of the time. "It was almost exactly 500 years after the Battle of Agincourt," he wrote in October 1915, "when I landed in France at Le Havre by the same route as Henry V in 1415". Historical parallels — stretching back to Caesar's battles 2,000 years before — were often in his mind.

The ammunition from America, on which the British had sometimes to rely, could be treacherous. He himself recorded: "It was of very dubious quality resulting in many casualties from 'prematures'. There were also many 'duds'."

On June 4, 1916, Probert's diary tells of the Old Etonian dinner of the 4th Army: "168 present in Amiens at the Hotel Godbert. Returning we missed the bus but got a lift as far as Treux in General Watt's car. Sang *Carmen Etonense.*" On August 31, 1916, there was heavy gas shelling in Delville Wood and Caterpillar Valley. The smoke helmets were primitive and very uncomfortable. The area "stank of corpses and gas, and by the time we captured it the once splendid trees were mere stumps sticking up from a mass of shell holes".

As a forward observation officer with the artillery, Probert was able to see much more of the battlefield than the "wretched foot soldiers" in the trenches, and life expectancy was somewhat longer. It was usually possible, as Probert later put it, "to avoid the more insalubrious spots". Nevertheless, he was gravely wounded in the autumn of 1916 at Flers. Such was the blast that the four domed buttons on the front of his jacket were flattened, like penny coins. They became grim his souvenirs.

"Some infantry had carried me to the comparative shelter of a broken-down tank," he later wrote. "The very gallant stretcher-bearers carried me back to the battery through some quite heavy shellfire. There was a horse-drawn ambulance with several others wounded. Then began a quite dreadful journey across shell-pitted country to the first field dressing station. Then to the casualty clearing station where most of us, about 100, lay all night in a large tent."

A piece of shell was removed from his multiply-broken sacrum, but the overworked surgeon unfortunately missed a piece of uniform that had been blown into his flesh. The wound would not heal and had to be reopened some weeks later.

Probert, left, age 18 in 1915, before he went out to France and, above, on his 100th birthday

It was said that he would never walk again but, with the astonishing loyalty to his fellows which characterised many Great War soldiers, he gladly returned to active service in 1917. He then faced the German offensive of March 1918, the second Battle of the Somme and the storming of the Hindenburg Line. Remaining in the line almost continuously up to the Armistice, he was gazetted for the Military Cross in June 1919.

After the war, but still only in his early twenties, Probert went up to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, to read agriculture and estate management. He could barely walk, but he kept a horse to enable him to get about, and borrowed another to win the Cottenham Cup. Returning to farm the family estate in Suffolk, after graduation, he kept two of his wartime horses, including "Jones", which had led the gun team that fired the first artillery shell of the war. "He was like a heavyweight hunter," he wrote, "and when we showed him, no one looked at anyone else. He had a charming personality, and a comfortable ride on exercise, bare-back."

Although a smart dresser on formal occasions, Probert's lean and rather battered figure could be seen on the farm, pipe in mouth, in ancient country clothes, with a shapeless tweed hat, struggling to keep his home-made combine-harvester chugging along.

In 1939, as a major in the Territorial Army, he was called up the day before war was declared to train artillery men. Later, he became expert at questioning survivors of the Desert battles about their experiences for tips to pass on to anti-tank recruits. He was also seconded to a film unit making an anti-tank training film at Larkhill, where he was reunited with several friends from the First World War.

With the return of peace in 1945, Probert found the Suffolk farm hard to manage, and bought a farm near Monmouth which had previously been part of an estate owned by his family for several centuries. Together with his wife, he restored both the house and the garden, always with an eye to their history. In later years, however, he spent more and more time at his quinta in Portugal.

In 1988 he published his *Memoirs of an Artillery Officer, 1915-1918*, extracted from the original muddied and bloodied notebook, which is now on deposit at Sunderland University. On his 100th birthday, he was the oldest Old Etonian and the oldest British artillery officer. To Probert's delight, the Master Gunner of St James's Park organised a trumpeter and small guard of honour to go to Portugal to mark the occasion.

Probert's first wife, Patience, died in 1970. Sadly he outlived all three of his children, but he is survived by his second wife, Ruth Packer, formerly a well-known Carl Rosa opera-singer.

SIR DAVID COLE

Sir David Cole, KCMG, MC, former Ambassador to Thailand, died on May 28 aged 76 after a long illness. He was born on August 21, 1920.

DAVID COLE was Britain's envoy in Bangkok between 1973 and 1978, at a time when the newspapers were filled with the case of Rita Nightingale, a young Lancashire nurse jailed for 20 years on drug-smuggling charges. She was released after three years, following a campaign in which her MP, Barbara Castle, played a prominent part. She went on to publish a book about her experiences.

In the late 1960s Cole was in Delhi, effectively as deputy to the High Commissioner, John Freeman, and before that was himself the High Commissioner in Malawi — when southern Africa was riven by Ian Smith's unilateral declaration of independence in neighbouring Rhodesia.

To all those who knew him, he was the perfect public servant: clever, conscientious, perceptive and self-effacing. But the Military Cross he won during the war reflected in addition a quiet courage, which was also to find further expression in his later years.

David Lee Cole was born at Newmarket, Suffolk, the son of a brigadier. From Cheltenham College, he won an exhibition to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, to read history.

He had completed only one term there, however, before he was caught up in the Second World War. Commissioned into the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, he served in India and Iran and took part in an operation against the Vichy French in Madagascar before being involved in the Anzio landings and the subsequent Italian campaign.

On the night of January 17-18, 1944, Cole won an MC as his battalion was crossing the River Garigliano and attacking the high ground beyond. Its advance was threatened when enemy defensive fire killed its signallers in the battalion's headquarters.

His citation read: "Captain Cole, with great coolness and bravery, moved about organising fresh signallers while under fire." Communications on the other side of the river were then put out of action by a shell which threw Cole himself to the ground, severely shaking him. Even so, he managed to get the radio working again, restoring a vital link between headquarters and the battalion's forward companies.

Demobilised in 1945, Cole returned to Cambridge, where he took a first in history, before entering the Dominions Office in 1947. His first posting was on secondment to the Foreign Office as part of Britain's delegation to the fledgeling United Nations in New York from 1948 to 1951. He was first secretary in New Delhi, 1953-56, before being assigned to serve as private secretary to Lord Home, who was then Commonwealth Secretary, from 1957 to 1960.

There followed two years as head of personnel in the Commonwealth Relations Office, 1961-63, and a spell as Deputy High Commissioner in Ghana, 1963-64. He was High Commissioner in Malawi between 1964 and 1967, minister (political) in Delhi, 1967-70, and then, following an interlude as an assistant under-secretary in Whitehall, Ambassador to Thailand.

His strengths as a diplomat included sensitive and perceptive analyses of the countries to which he was assigned. His quiet modesty and pleasant personality also won him many friends.

Cole retired from Bangkok in 1978 at the age of 58, hoping to indulge his love of watercolour painting. He had already published a volume of landscapes entitled *Thailand: Water-colour Impressions* (1977) and had exhibited with the Royal Society of British Artists and the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours.

He also wrote *Rough Road to Rome*, a searching study of the war in Italy, which was well received on publication in 1983 and sold well.

Sadly, however, his retirement was marred by the early onset of a rare degenerative muscular disease which he suffered without complaint for nearly 20 years. He continued to paint until his eyesight and the muscles in his arms had deteriorated too far, and derived great pleasure until six months ago from completing *The Times* Crossword every day.

He was cared for throughout by his wife, Dorothy, whom he married in 1945. She and their son survive him.

BETTY SHABAZZ

Betty Shabazz, American civil rights worker, died of burns in a New York hospital aged 61. She was born in Detroit on May 28, 1936.

THE widow of Malcolm X, who was assassinated in the Audubon Ballroom in New York's Washington Heights in February 1965, Betty Shabazz was herself to have a violent death. She suffered fatal burns in a fire apparently deliberately started in her Yonkers apartment. Her grandson — the son of her daughter Qubilah — has been detained in connection with the crime.

Betty Shabazz was a young wife, pregnant with twins, among the audience at the Audubon ballroom when gunmen burst in and raked her husband with bullets. Flinging herself on the floor she covered the bodies of her other tiny children.

Until then she had been a retiring helpmeet to Malcolm X, but the experience transformed her life into a crusade to preserve his memory and made her, too, a symbol of perseverance to black Americans.

Born Betty Sanders, she grew up in Detroit where she was adopted by a well-to-do Methodist family. After early schooling at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, she went to New York to study nursing, and it was there, at the age of 20, that she met the charismatic Malcolm X, who was then minister in charge of a Harlem mosque. After a two-year relationship — during which, on his account, "there had never been one personal word spoken between us" — the pair married in 1958.

At that stage Malcolm X was an apostle of Elijah Muhammad, the militant leader of America's Nation of Islam, which aligned itself against the more moderate Martin Luther King and his creed of co-operation and integration with the white population. At that stage King regarded Malcolm X as a malign figure preaching a message of hate. But Malcolm X was himself to become disillusioned with Elijah Muhammad, as a result of which he was removed from his position at Harlem's Mosque No 7 and replaced by Louis Farrakhan, who was subsequently to become Nation of Islam's leader.

Malcolm X went on a pilgrimage to Mecca and returned a Sunni Muslim with a new name, El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, which gave his wife, too, a new name, Betty Shabazz.

After his death she raised her children on her own, surviving on the royalties from her husband's book *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, written with Alex Haley, which was published in 1965. In 1975 she took a doctorate in educational administration at the University of Massachusetts. She then supported herself and her six children by working as director of public relations at Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn, where she later became head of institutional advancement.

Hers was a powerful voice in the battle against racism in America, but she never became strident or advocated the extremes that her husband had lent himself to during his period of militancy. She toured universities, lecturing on black history and culture and on her dead husband's work.

Relations between her and the family of Louis Farrakhan, whom she suspected of being in complicity with her husband's murderers, were never good, and at one point her daughter Qubilah was charged with plotting to kill Farrakhan. The charge was eventually dismisssed after Qubilah had consented to undergo psychiatric treatment and a rehabilitation programme for drug dependency. Farrakhan and Shabazz agreed to halt their feud at that point.

Ironically, it was Qubilah's son, himself named after Malcolm X, apparently unhappy at having to live with his grandmother rather than his mother, who is thought to have set fire to Betty Shabazz's apartment.

Betty Shabazz is survived by her six daughters.

ON THIS DAY

June 25, 1913

A CHILD PIANIST.

The little boy called Solomon whom Miss Mathilde Verne has taught and placed before the public at the early age of nine (or was he only eight when he first appeared?) is smaller than the smallest size in pianists usually stocked by the manufacturers, and consequently additionally interesting to curiosity-hunters. He played Beethoven's Concerto in C minor and Liszt's Hungarian Fantasia with Sir Henry Wood and his orchestra at Queen's Hall yesterday afternoon before an audience who seemed delighted by everything about him, from his little thin bare legs to his little thin bare piano tone. The audience was visibly thrilled by his playing of the glissandos in Liszt's Fantasia which was not really as remarkable as was the crisp phrasing of Beethoven's *Rondo* or the verve with which the boy attacked a Valse by Chopin played as an encore or the evidences which he gave of genuine pleasure in all his work. The worst of these youthful performances is that they necessarily accustom a child to getting admiration for the things which in themselves are not particularly admirable, and it is an evil which no amount of care can entirely counteract. Solomon's gifts are rare, and therefore we hope that for the present his public performances may be equally so.

At the age of eight Solomon played Tchaikovsky's first piano concerto "with a fire and fluency that astonished laymen and professional colleagues alike". By 19 he was sick of the piano. Wisely he took the advice of Sir Henry Wood to give up music for two years, returned in 1921 and over the years built up a remarkable reputation

NEGRO FOLK SONGS.

Yesterday afternoon at the Little Theatre Miss Kitty Cheatham gave the only *matinée* of her songs and stories in which she will be heard this season. Included in her programme was a pathetic little parable of Russian life by Tolstoy, "Where Love is there Christ is," which has just the same spirit of childlike simplicity that always distinguishes her art from the efforts of most platform reciters. She talks to her audience very much as she might talk to her neighbour at dinner. You feel that you are listening to a cultivated, large-hearted woman, blessed with a real sense of humour, whose conversation charms you because of the friendly way in which she takes your sympathy for granted, and talks to you of negroes and children because they are the people she knows and cares most about. Americans who understand and love negroes are not quite as common as women who love children. It is important, however, to remember that it is the old-style negro that she commends — the negro, that is, who despises "free niggers" at least as heartily as he does the "pore white trash" who think themselves so infinitely above him. Of him, or rather of his womankind, Miss Cheatham told several good stories yesterday in the little intimate scraps of conversation with which she introduced her songs, all of which had the note of sadness that inevitably belongs to songs sung in captivity, in South Carolina no less than in Babylon. As she pointed out, they are genuine folk-songs, though they cannot any of them be more than 300 years old, because they were the natural product of a land of slavery, and, therefore, quite different from the songs that were sung by the free waters of Afric's sunny fountains. Some of the feeling of sadness that they give is due probably to the fact that they are written, like other primitive music, in the pentatonic scale. But the words themselves are necessarily in a minor key.

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Any person having reason to believe that such authorisation should not be granted should, within 28 days of publication of this notice, communicate such reason to the Department of Trade & Industry, Room 409, Bridge Place, 88/89 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1PT.
Dated this 19th day of June 1997

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No. 002863 of 1997
IN THE MATTER OF SIMON GROUP PLC
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was presented on 10th June 1997 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named company from £43,627,000 to £5,627,000.

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Soft news becomes hard, but some things never alter

Men behaving badly still make the news

On Monday the group called Women in Journalism will publish the results of an inquiry into a fair question. Has the rise of women into the higher bastions of editorial power been reflected in editorial content? Or has the toughness of the news business made men of them all?

I have not seen an advance copy of the report, never having joined the aforesaid organisation because of my unreconstructed belief that journalism has been very good to women. When I see the horrors still inflicted on women in science and academia — making it hard for them to get published, let alone get prizes and professorships — I cannot get too exercised about the low percentage of women editors nor even about the persistent media portrayal of the working mother as the cause of every social ill from child obesity to the vanishing rainforest.

BRENDA MADDOX

That there has been a softening of the news agenda in recent years, everybody can see. Yet I doubt that it can be traced to the changing sex ratio among the news decision-makers. Television deserves a large part of the blame, or — to my mind — credit. Radio, too. With the day's headlines delivered as they happen, newspapers have had to fill increasingly voluminous pages with background stories and features on health, lifestyle, and entertainment, bolstered by the kind of cut-out-and-keep detail that is print's advantage over screen.

But the main agent of change is the revolution in attitude to what the world is about. Sex, family, matters of home and heart, are now of burning interest, if only because of the trouble they make when they go wrong. Soft news has become hard. On the front pages every day are stories that once would be relegated to the "women's page". Not only do papers want women readers, but men readers, too, care about child support, sperm counts and the increasing evidence that if we still cannot expect to live forever, medical research offers the hope, or threat, of a much longer span.

Yes, it is a cause for regret that the old-style lengthy daily reports of parliamentary proceedings have disappeared. But you can buy *Hansard* or access it on the Internet if you want to know all the glorious detail.

When was the equinox — the divide after which ordinary living became as newsworthy as politics and economics? I'd love to think it was in February 1922, upon the publication of *Ulysses*, wherein Leopold Bloom tells a crowd of Dublin drunks that "Force, history, hatred, all that... it's the very opposite of that that is really life." But the 1960s is probably a more realistic answer. American media pundits are more precise. They date the humanisation of news the moment in November 1963 (reshown on Sunday on BBC2's history of television news) when Walter Cronkite broke down and wept on camera while announcing the death of President Kennedy.

No editor, regardless of sex, can alter the fact that the main events to be reported every day tell of men behaving badly. News is from Mars, features are from Venus. Torturers are male. Surrogate mothers are female. To make science or social trends the leading story of the day is very difficult, hard as *The Independent* tries. The recent scientific research paper suggesting that there may be a genetic explanation for why one sex is combative and the other compassionate was the rare exception. Similarly, no editor of the future, however partial to war, history, hatred and all that, will be able to ignore the onrushing big story: the blurring of the sexes. That is not to say that she or he will give the story the sympathetic treatment that women's equality campaigners would like. There is still a sharp division of views on the desirability of realigning the roles of the sexes. But the gulf now is determined by religious and moral beliefs, not by sex.

The rise of the male nude in advertisements, incidentally, is more likely a recognition of gay rights and gay buying power than of anything to do with women. Using bodies as commercial lures is hardly progress — rather, exploitation as before.

What a week for surprises. The *Independent Television Commission* broke the monastic silence it usually keeps before naming the winner in a competition for a franchise. By suggesting to Granada and Carlton Television that their bid for the commercial digital terrestrial franchise would look better if they dropped their third partner, BSkyB (part-owned by the owners of *The Times*), the ITC gave a wink that was as good as a nod. The ITC awarded the Granada-Carlton consortium the franchise, although it admitted it preferred the programme promises of DTN, the rival applicant. Why then was Granada-Carlton chosen? Because the ITC is mindful of its legislative obligation to get digital terrestrial off to a fast start. Should Parliament ask an industry regulator to be a promoter as well? That's like asking traffic police to sell cars. Another thought: Jonathan Aitken showed that a good biography stems from sympathy with the subject. His fine life of Richard Nixon is the best I shall ever know of either man. When the disgraced litigant emerges, his line is waiting for him: "You won't have Aitken to kick around any more."

The Client's Story

All the glory, or the blame, goes to the creatives and the agencies when a new advert appears. But what of the person who bought the ad, the person who said yes, the person with nerves of steel who crossed his fingers and signed the cheque?

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THE CLIENT
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WHAT OTHER CAMPAIGNS HAVE YOU BOUGHT?
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WHAT'S THE PLOT?
Michael Winner is sitting on a film set between shots. He is talking about Doritos' new £10,000 movie money promotion. His message is that you can win money on this but I'm so rich and arrogant it doesn't matter a damn to me.

WHAT'S THE STRATEGY?
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WHAT WAS MICHAEL WINNER LIKE?
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WAS HE DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH? ALWAYS DEMANDING A BETTER TABLE AT LUNCH, ETC?
No. He was quite happy to look at different ideas. I think he enjoyed sending himself up.

WAS IT EXPENSIVE?
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WHO IS IT AIMED AT?
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WHAT SOLD THE SCRIPT TO YOU?
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WHAT'S THE BEST SCRIPT YOU'VE EVER BOUGHT?
That's easy: "Salt 'n' Lineker" with Gary Lineker and Paul Gascoigne bursting into tears.
I bombed all the way home and showed it to my wife which normally never happens. She thought that I'd gone mad.

AND THE WORST?
A couple of pretty dodgy Nanette Newman adverts for Fairy.
The idea had worked so well we were reluctant to move away. We probably ran it three years too long. We used to get appalling research results.

DAVID MCGRATH

Selling the wrong image

Some ads do more harm than good, insists **Belinda Archer**

THE RECENT pulling of the Rover 600 "hostage" commercial begged a rather sensitive question for adland and the marketing community: can advertising actually do more harm than good?

The film, which cost an estimated £500,000 to make, depicted the exchange of a British diplomat for a tribal freedom fighter. Controversy raged over the fact that the blindfolded captive only knew he was safe after recognising the plush lines of the rescue car's interior — a Rover 600.

More than 100 viewers complained to the Independent Television Commission, including a hostage's wife, who received the backing of Terry Waite, the former Beirut prisoner.

This drama was nothing new. Agencies have always dreamt up ill-judged executions that offend the public and trigger complaints to the advertising watchdogs. Indeed, the Advertising Standards Authority upheld 720 complaints against press and poster adverts last year, while the ITC upheld 116.

Some believe that all publicity has to be good publicity, and that the associated negative media attention only makes the advertising pound stretch further. This is not always the case: a banned or pulled ad can have a damaging knock-on effect to the advertiser, harming its image and even denting sales.

About five years ago, BT ran a consumer press campaign claiming it was slashing its prices. It transpired, however, that rates were being cut for business calls only, and that the cost of consumer calls was actually going up. The misleading claim was rumbled, negative publicity ensued and BT's share price actually fell.

Caroline Crawford, director of external affairs at the ASA, says: "A case can definitely be built for an ad doing more harm than good. There have been several examples of bad publicity generated by an advertisement having a pretty dire effect on the brand, and in many instances the effect has lasted several years."

In Rover's case, there was an immediate financial blow because a costly commercial had to be pulled at a crucial time for a car advertiser and thousands of pounds were lost for cancelling booked airtime. The long-term effect of the mistake is not quantifiable, although Martin Runnacles, group marketing director, insists there will be "no damage to Rover sales or the brand".

An advert's damaging effects can reach far beyond turnover or corporate reputation. Paul Simons, the chief executive of TBWA Simons Palmer, who is chairing a Marketing Forum conference in September on the value of brands, explains: "If a communication is damaging, its effect is significant and enduring on the component parts of the brand equity — that is not just on the consumer, but on the shareholders, say, if it is a public company, or the retailers, if it relies on the retail trade for distribution."

AGENCIES also stand to lose from an "offensive" ad. An account can be pulled if an execution backfires, and clients have been known to avoid agencies that have notched up complaints against their work.

Perhaps predictably, there is great difficulty in nailing the damaging effect of advertising. Several other forces influence a company's success besides above-the-line activity — from separate marketing initiatives to its distribution arrangements, for example — and, naturally, agencies are swift to stifle any claims that what they do can be harmful.

But if we are to believe in the power of advertising — and latest AA figures indicate that British clients believed in it to the tune of £12 billion last year (a 9 per cent increase on 1995) — it would seem we must believe that it can swing both ways, injuring a company's operations as much as achieving the opposite, infinitely more desirable effect.

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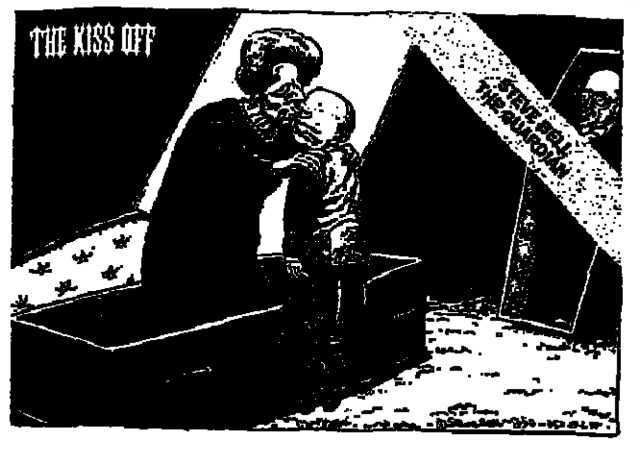

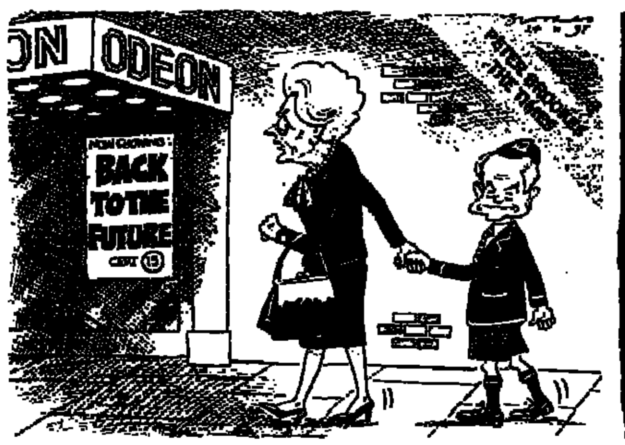

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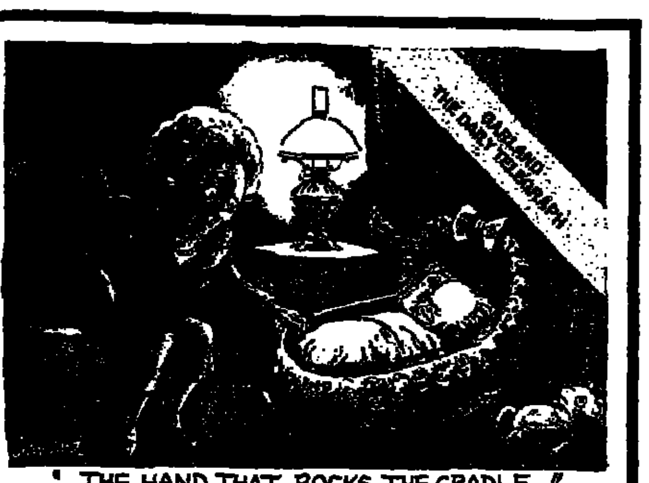

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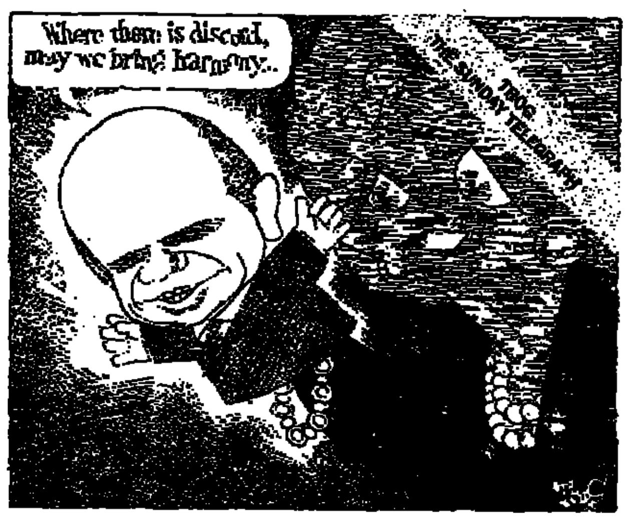
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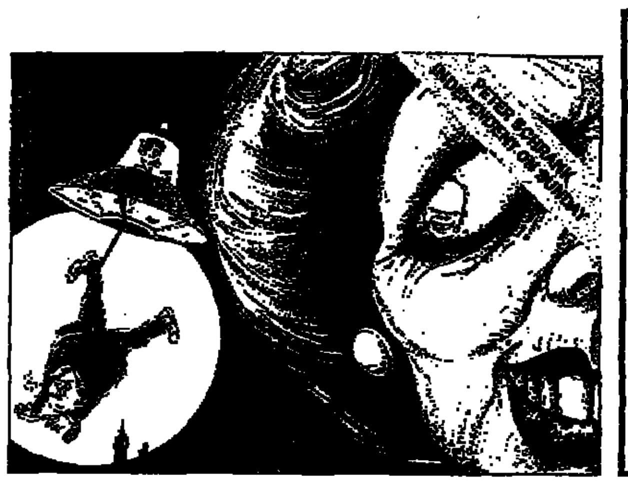
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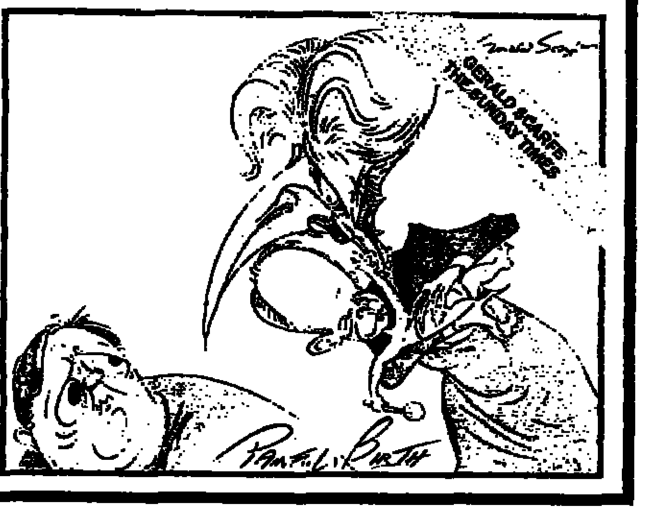
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Drawn and quartered

PAPER ROUND

Brian MacArthur

Most of Britain's best cartoonists were secretly rooting for William Hague in the Tory leadership contest last week. Few, I suspect, are Tories but they had been drawing the roly-poly Kenneth Clarke, with cigar, Hush Puppies, bulging eyes and rumpled suit bursting over the ample stomach, for years. Hague offered cartoonists a new challenge — and his endorsement by Margaret Thatcher was an extra gift. Suddenly an old favourite, with gimlet eyes, string of pearls, swinging handbag and hands like claws, was back in the frame.

So, an old image was married with a new one. All the cartoonists — Peter Brookes of *The Times*, Steve Bell in *The Guardian*, Nicholas Garland in *The Daily Telegraph*, Trog in *The Sunday Telegraph*, Peter Schrank in *The Independent on Sunday* and Gerald Scarfe in *The Sunday Times* — seized on the same image: mother and son, teacher and pupil, ruler and ruled, Thatcher's political child. As Garland put it: "The hand that rocks the cradle . . .".

As Kenneth Baker, the former Conservative Party chairman, notes in his history of political cartoons (Thames and Hudson), the amusing and acerbic cartoon can be more memorable than a measured political judgment and can ruffle the mighty. Cartoonists also like their targets to have recognisable props — the cigar for Churchill, the pipe for Harold Wilson, the handbag for Thatcher. "The Thatcher handbag became the symbol of her authority. It was her sceptre."

What props have the cartoonists found to mock in William Hague? One is his youth combined with the gravitas of an older man. Bell and Brookes show Hague in short trousers. Scarfe and Garland portray him as a baby rocked in Thatcher's arms. Wally Fawkes (Trog) goes for the double-breasted suit with Hague as Thatcher's puppet. They all go for that big, bald head.

> 'Thatcher's handbag became her symbol of authority — her sceptre'

Nicholas Garland sees Hague as an "absolute gift". "He's a curious creature, so odd looking, an elderly man in a young man's double-breasted body. He has that quality of eternal old age. He looks weirdly elderly, with dead eyes, shadowed by that brow and the huge domed forehead. He's good fun to caricature."

Mrs Clarke once told Garland that she appreciated his cartoons of her husband because he drew him as a cheerful and untidy Just William. Garland sees Hague as another character from Richmal Crompton — an uptight Hubert Lane.

Brookes admits that he has become obsessed with Hague over the past two weeks. He has been the subject of five of his past six cartoons as he sought to encapsulate the little boy of 36 going on 63, the distinctive bald head, the button nose, the cheesy grin and the slightly compressed face with the small gap between mouth and chin and the big gap between eyes and head. He has drawn Hague as a schoolboy, the Mekon, the millennium dome, the crown on Thatcher's Ascot hat (bought by Lady Thatcher's office), and stuffing a Hush Puppy into Clarke's mouth.

It took Brookes a year before he was satisfied with his drawings of John Major but he thinks he has already captured Hague. He draws him with short trousers, domed forehead and — acknowledging that the subject seems to smile a lot — a long line with two distinctive smiles for his mouth. As a final check he will scrutinise Hague in the flesh from the Commons press gallery today during his first encounter with Tony Blair.

Unlike Brookes, Steve Bell had no difficulty with John Major. He captured the former prime minister by drawing him as Superman wearing his underpants over his trousers. For the Left it became a defining image. It was Clarke who baffled Bell. As he tried to convey a "big, fat slob with bulgy eyes and Hush Puppies", Bell found that he could not quite get his caricature to look like Clarke. Along with Brookes and Garland, he thinks Hague will be easier: "The short trousers could last."

Perhaps because they are such jolly characters and draw (art school) instead of write (university), cartoonists tend to be teased by fellow journalists. It becomes a game to try not to smile at the latest offering from the pocket cartoonist or to ask Brookes how the doodles are going and whether he's using his colouring box today.

Yet they are among the most erudite of journalists and have one of the most stressful jobs in newspapers. At its best their work is art. Only a few journalists — parliamentary sketch writers, some leader writers, cartoonists — are required to produce original work every day instead of simply reporting events.

Bell does five strips and four big leader page cartoons a week. Brookes does five as well as a *Spectator* cover once a fortnight, a job he shares with Garland.

Brookes with apologies to the *Eagle*

On weekday mornings Brookes wakes up at 6.25 with Radio 4's *Prayer for Today* and is himself praying — for ideas — when *Today* broadcasts its first news headlines. With a deadline of 6.30pm, he has 12 hours to follow the news, think of an idea, sell it to the editor and then to draw it, often changing tack as the main news stories change.

Many of the results from all three cartoonists become collector's items — and many of the collectors are their victims. Yesterday morning Brookes was taking a call at 9.30 from a potential buyer. The cartoon (shown above) was a characteristically witty Brookes play on two stories, subliminally recalling the row over Diana, Princess of Wales taking her sons to *The Devil's Own* by drawing Thatcher leading Hague — note the handbag, Hague's smile and the trousers — to a showing of *Back to the Future* at the Odeon.

As Kenneth Baker points out, politicians and cartoonists need each other. To be caricatured for politicians is a sign that they have arrived. So cartoons can sell for up to £200 and collectors include Edward Heath, Michael Heseltine, Jeffrey Archer, Kenneth Baker, Paddy Ashdown and Michael Portillo. Robin Cook and John Prescott (but not since he was portrayed as a dog) have bought Steve Bell.

As Margaret Thatcher was caricatured, she was often also unintentionally flattered — as Iron Lady or the prime minister who wore the trousers. Only Mr Hague himself can determine whether he remains Thatcher's poodle for the cartoonists, or becomes Hague the Hammer.

THE LISTENER

THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Snapper focuses on LA

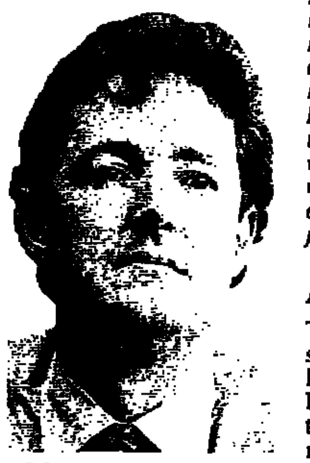
Beirne: star photographer

DIANA, Princess of Wales, may be in trouble over her latest visit to the cinema, but at least she has one less paparazzo to worry about. **Brendan Beirne**, the award-winning photographer famously accosted by would-be hero Kevin Duggan when he tried to take a picture of Diana in the street, has packed up his long lenses and moved to LA. Beirne, a veteran who spent ten years photographing Diana, is now chasing the pouting lovelies of Hollywood instead. He has told friends he doesn't mind if he never takes another picture of Blue Eyes in his life.

Meanwhile there has been an interesting postscript to the notorious Earls Court scuffle. Beirne, who curiously took pity on Duggan when he was being chased by the media, lent him £50. The loan is still outstanding.

Good thinking

CONGRATULATIONS to **Piers Morgan**, Editor of the *Daily Mirror*, on the birth of his second son. By all accounts there has been heated debate in the Morgan household over what name to give the bouncing baby boy. Morgan's wife Marion is said to have favoured Marc until it was realised this might look daft alongside their other son, Spencer. Finally the couple settled on Stanley. Colleagues, who are only just regaining their sense of humour over the "Achtung Surrender!" debacle during Euro 96, are merely grateful Morgan didn't opt for the name "Guten".



Morgan: name game

Special number

WHILE the Royal Opera House fritters away its lottery millions paying off hard-working staff, it is good to see that other parts of the arts establishment are more prudent. The **Royal Symphony Orchestra** has blown £1,000 on a personalised numberplate for its touring truck: "The LSO [London Symphony Orchestra] bought one last year," whines a green-eyed spokesman, "so we thought we better keep up with them." Keep an eye out for the plate — R1 RPO — which will head the company's convoy on its 1998 European tour.

*MORE paparazzi news... **Nick Knight**, the photographer behind model Sophie Dahl, has revealed the identity of the heavily pregnant woman wearing little more than a bra who appears on his new TBWA Simons Palmer advert for Fuji film. The lady in question is his wife Charlotte who, when the photograph was taken, was on the brink of giving birth to the couple's second child.*

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THE BUSINESS of selling shampoo and dog food has long been seen as high art by creative advertising types. This delusion has now been confirmed by the inclusion of a "Most Popular Ad" category in this year's National Television Awards. The prospect of sharing a stage with a worn-out collection of sitcom actors and soap stars has sent advertising executives hysterically scrambling for their Psion organisers to clear a date for the October award ceremony. With the voting period only a fortnight away agencies are mounting an Oscar-style campaign to promote their entries, including rescheduling some adverts for maximum impact.

The fall of the Aitken case vindicates public service journalism, says **Ian McBride**

The case for reform of the libel laws

The *World in Action* team never speaks of "investigative journalism". When someone is pursuing one of those tricky stories about a corrupt politician or a bent policeman or dirty tricks by a big corporation, they are on a "grope".

Grope is what those programme makers do. They grope in the dark, and try their best to make out the shape of the truth. It takes weeks and months of care, persistance and judgment to get to the point where a programme like *Jonathan of Arabia* — the *World in Action* which produced Jonathan Aitken's libel action — can be transmitted. A slog to produce evidence no one wants you to know about, the most careful combing by the lawyers, thumb-sucking by editorial executives, some furrowed brows perhaps among senior managers. And never more than when the risk of a libel action is high.

That is the process vindicated by the collapse of Mr Aitken's libel action — proper journalistic enquiry is upheld; the consequences of defeat would have been enormous.

Had Mr Aitken been able to hold his triumphant press conference, with a healthy damages award in his back pocket, to denounce the journalists and television programmes as a "cancer", the spectacular chill would have blown through every newsroom and broadcast production office in Britain. "Remember Aitken" would have been the reaction whenever someone produced the beginnings of a story of malpractice in public life. Yet the way our libel laws work, it was all too possible.

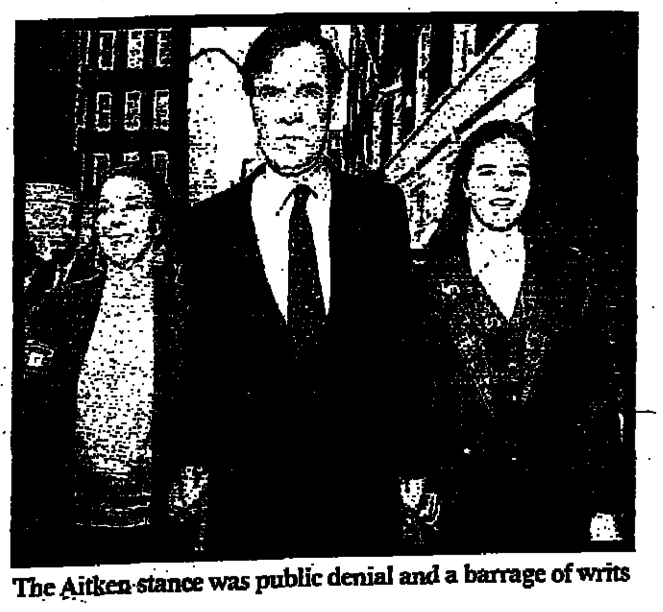
What happens is this. *World In Action* makes a programme which lays out evidence of Mr Aitken having been in the pocket of a foreign royal family, challenges his concealment of some of his interests and connections, and calls into question his truthfulness. Proper public-service journalism — examination of the little-known conduct of someone in high public office.

Mr Aitken won't take part in the programme on any ordinary terms, or talk about the issues. His stance is public denial, televised denunciation and a barrage of writs.

Uniquely, the law of libel places the burden of proof on the defendant. So Mr Aitken can claim, on any of the issues we reported, that we are wrong or have lied and that he has been defamed as a result. Our defence has to be that we are telling the truth.

In these circumstances the truth is known to only one party: the plaintiff, the subject of the television programme or newspaper article, in this case Mr Aitken. Yet he cannot be compelled to lay out that truth or produce all that evidence. Instead the defendant has to prove everything. This is clearly unfair. It is certainly absurd. If the party claiming injury had to prove the truth he could generally do so very easily, and at the outset. Everyone would know where they stood: libel actions would either be settled then or go to court on a fair, open footing. Two years of stress, wasted effort, shadow-boxing and manoeuvre and hundreds of thousands of pounds could be saved at a stroke.

The first lesson of the Aitken case, therefore, is the urgent need for this fundamental reform of our libel laws: a reversal of the burden of proof. That a liar can divert so much time and money and try to bounce an entire nation through the courts is scandal enough. That he can be encouraged and enabled by the very way the law is framed must be a disgrace.



The Aitken stance was public denial and a barrage of writs

And *Aitken v Guardian Newspapers & Granada Television* Offers a vivid second lesson: In the interests of everyone — except the crooked, the corrupt and the mendacious — we desperately need a "qualified privilege" defence to our reporting on the conduct of public officials. I say in the interests of everyone because qualified privilege broadly equates to a public "right to know".

Embedded for more than 30 years in US law and adopted in other countries, it would make a fundamental change to the way newspapers and broadcasters feel able or inclined to scrutinise those in public office, whether Cabinet Minister or policeman. To secure libel damages, a public official would have to prove malice. The plaintiff would have to show that the journalist, the publisher, the broadcaster was reckless as to whteher or not what he was publishing was true.

The concept is shunned by our legislators — seemingly more through prejudice against the press than fear of the consequences — and regularly pushed out of court by the judges. If any case shows the need for a public right to know, it is Aitken.

The third lesson also means keeping the public on the inside of these issues: the jury. Uniquely, in trying a case brought by a public figure, we were denied a jury. Since this was always a case revolving around judging a man's truthfulness we were astonished — and scared yet more. No one is better equipped for the judgment than a jury. In such a case, trial by judge alone should never happen again.

At the same time that I argue for freedom of speech and better protection under the libel laws, broadcasters face the prospect of a whole new swathe of restrictions. One of our regulators, the Broadcasting Standards Commission, is promulgating a new code which would almost certainly make impossible the production of *Jonathan of Arabia*. Arguments about privacy and press abuse will also continue.

Alan Rusbridger has argued persuasively that none of these issues can be viewed alone. At a time of a new Government we should all be looking at how to take our whole approach to information — privacy, freedom of speech, data protection, libel — forward.

If we don't, we'll all continue to find it scary. The journalist will continue to carry a kind of Ancient Mariner's map, with whole territories of public life marked "Here be Dragons". If he wants to tackle dragons, let alone slay them, he'll need a mighty sword, endless determination, quite a lot of courage and big bags of gold.

The time for debate and reform is here. Any journalist who wants to resist that kind of wholesale appraisal of our restrictions, our conduct and our freedoms, step this way.

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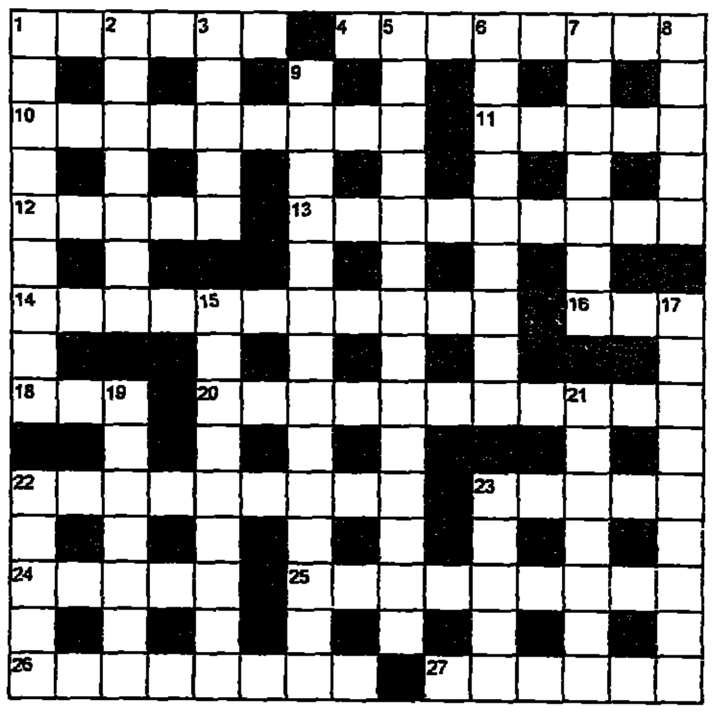

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** southeast England will have a dry start before rain, already over the rest of the region, spreads from the west. The rain may be heavy with much mist and low cloud over hills and downs. In the afternoon more broken, though still showery weather, is expected in the west.

Shetland will be bright, Orkney and Caithness will be bright with showers. Elsewhere it will be overcast and wet. During the afternoon there may be breaks in the west and Northern Ireland. The evening may see a more definite clearance in the northwest.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** dull start, becoming wet and overcast. Rain will ease in the afternoon or evening. Wind fresh, southerly. Cool. Max 18C (64F)

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Central N England:** wet, rain turning patchy in afternoon. Brighter in evening. Wind fresh, southerly, becoming light westerly. Cool. Max 18C (64F)

☐ **E England, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** wet, rain lighter in afternoon, gradually clearing in evening. Wind light, southeast or south. Cool. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** wet start, becoming brighter in afternoon. Mostly dry in evening. Winds light or moderate, westerly. Cool. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** bright, mainly dry, some sunshine. Wind light, northeast. Cool. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** rain, then brighter with showers in afternoon, clearing later. Wind moderate or fresh, northerly. Max 17C (63F)

☐ **Outlook for Thursday and Friday:** cloudy and wet in south and east, brightening from the north. Cold.

☐ **Pollen:** counts will be low but will rise to moderate in any prolonged dry spells. (Supplied by the Pollen Research Unit)

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b = bright; c = cloud; d = drizzle; ds = dust storm; du = dull; f = fair; fg = fog; g = gale; h = hail; r = rain; sh = shower; sl = sleet; sn = snow; s = sun; t = thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.0	0.01	13	55	c
Anglesey	3.9	-	15	59	b
Aspatria	6.4	-	15	59	s
Aviemore	7.0	-	17	63	s
Belfast	3.7	-	15	59	b
Birmingham	6.0	-	15	59	b
Bognor R	8.4	-	17	63	s
Bournemouth	6.5	-	17	63	c
Bristol	2.3	-	17	63	b
Buxton	2.1	0.01	13	55	b
Cardiff	3.1		16	61	b
Clacton	x				
Cleethorpes	6.5	0.02	15	59	b
Colwyn Bay	5.0	-	15	59	s
Cromer	11.6	0.03	15	59	s
Dunbar	8.1	-	13	55	s
Eastbourne	8.5	0.16	17	63	[illegible]
Edinburgh	13.2	-	16	61	s
Exmouth	0.9	-	16	61	c
Falmouth	-	0.01	17	63	c
Fishguard	0.5		15	59	c
Folkestone	6.2	0.30	17	63	b
Glasgow	10.8	-	16	61	b
Guernsey	7.5	-	14	57	s
Hastings	5.9	0.12	18	64	b
Hayling I	7.6	-	17	63	c
Herne Bay	7.0	0.12	17	63	b
Hove	1.1	-	18	64	c
Hunstanton	2.2	0.10	17	63	c
Isle of Man	11.1	-	14	57	s
Jersey	6.7	-	19	66	s
Kinloss	3.1	-	13	55	s
Leeds	2.7	0.22	17	63	b
Lerwick	0.9	0.01	10	50	b

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Leuchars	7.3	-	13	55	s
Littlehampton	x				
London	6.4	0.04	19	66	b
Lowestoft	4.5	0.02	16	61	c
Manchester	1.8	-	15	59	c
Margate	6.5	0.02	17	63	b
Minehead	2.1	-	16	61	b
Morecambe	6.4	0.01	15	59	b
Newcastle	6.6	-	14	57	b
Newquay	0.3	-	16	61	c
Norwich	7.0	0.04	16	61	c
Oxford	3.3	-	16	61	b
Penzance	x	-	17	63	du
Poole	6.2	-	19	66	c
Prestatyn	x				
Ross-on-wye	4.7	-	15	59	c
Ryde	x				
Salcombe	1.3	-	17	63	c
Saunton Snd	2.5	-	17	63	b
Scarboro'	6.3	0.01	13	55	b
Shanklin	7.9	-	16	61	b
Shrewsbury	2.0	-	15	59	c
Skegness	8.1	0.08	15	59	s
Southend	7.4	0.06	18	64	b
Stornoway	5.9	-	13	55	s
Swanage	4.8	-	17	63	c
Teignmouth	0.3	-	17	63	c
Tenby	1.4	-	15	59	c
Tiree	4.3	-	12	54	c
Torquay	1.2	-	18	64	b
Tynemouth	x	-	12	54	b
Ventnor	8.1	-	16	61	b
West-s-mare	2.3	-	17	63	c
Weymouth	2.5	-	18	64	s

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	f
Akrotiri	27	81	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s
Algiers	26	79	s
Amst'dm	14	57	c
Athens	32	90	s
B Aires	12	54	d
Bahrain	36	97	s
Bangkok	33	91	t
Barbados	29	84	[illegible]
Barcelona	26	79	s
Beirut	28	82	s
Belgrade	26	79	s
Berlin	19	66	f
Bermuda	x	x	X
Biarritz	16	61	c
Bordx	19	66	c
Brussels	15	59	c
Budapest	16	61	f
Cairo	34	93	s
Cape Tn	14	57	s
Ch'church	9	48	f
Chicago	22	72	s
Cologne	13	55	r
Corfu	34	93	s
C'hagn	17	63	s
Dublin	13	55	c
Dubrovnik	30	86	s
Faro	22	72	s
Florence	24	75	s
Frankfurt	17	63	r
Funchal	22	72	f
Geneva	17	63	c
Gibraltar	25	77	s
Helsinki	16	61	c
Hong K	28	82	f
Innsbrck	18	64	f
Istanbul	27	81	s
Jeddah	40	104	s
Jo'burg	x	x	X
L Angels	22	72	s
L Palmas	23	73	c
Le Touquet	16	61	f
Lisbon	23	73	s
Locarno	25	77	f
Luxembg	13	55	c
Luxor	43	109	s
Madrid	24	75	s
Majorca	27	81	f
Malaga	25	77	s
Malta	31	88	s
Melb'rne	16	61	s
Mexico C	21	70	c
Miami	29	84	s
Milan	25	77	s
Montreal	23	73	s
Moscow	23	73	f
Munich	16	61	f
N Delhi	35	95	s
N York	29	84	s
Nairobi	22	72	c
Naples	27	81	s
Nice	25	77	s
Oslo	15	59	r
Paris	19	66	s
Peking	32	90	s
Perth	17	63	c
Prague	17	63	f
Reykjavik	11	52	c
Rhodes	30	86	s
Rio de J	32	90	f
Riyadh	42	108	s
Rome	25	77	s
S Fr'isco	18	64	s
S Paulo	26	79	s
Salzburg	17	63	f
Santiago	9	48	r
Seoul	31	88	c
Sing'por	32	90	f
St'kholm	20	68	f
Strasb'rg	16	61	r
Sydney	18	64	s
Tangier	23	73	s
Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Tenerife	25	77	f
Tokyo	24	75	c
Toronto	27	81	s
Tunis	29	84	f
Valencia	24	75	s
Vanc'ver	14	57	r
Venice	25	77	f
Vienna	19	66	f
Warsaw	13	55	r
Wash'ton	32	90	s
Wel'ngton	12	54	X
Zurich	16	61	f

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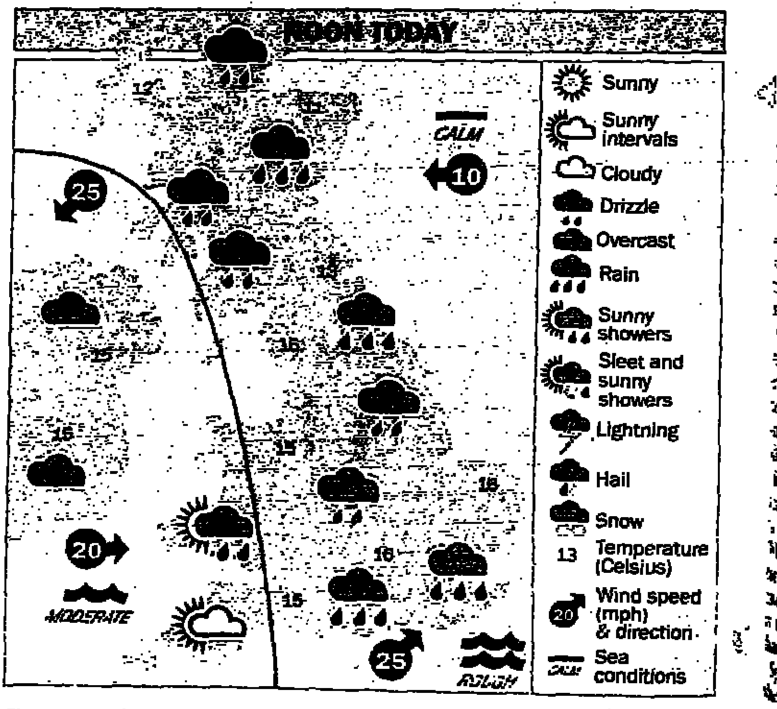

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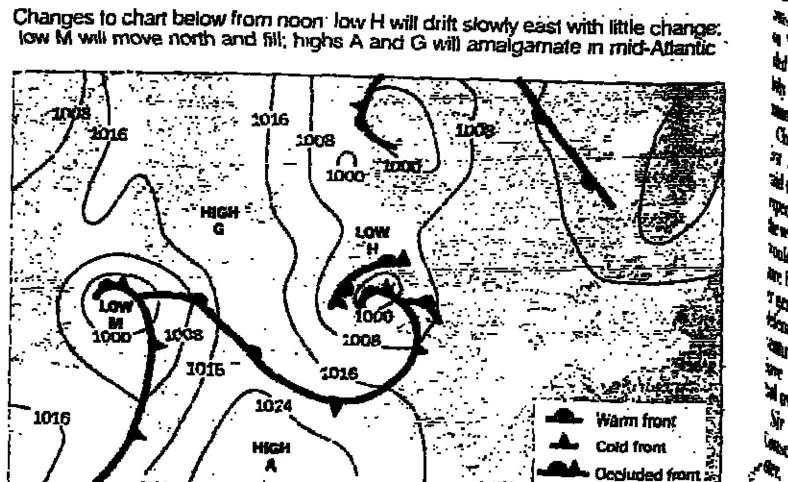

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	05.49	7.3	18.04	7.1
Aberdeen	05.10	4.2	17.55	4.0
Avonmouth	11.19	12.5	23.43	12.3
Belfast	02.48	3.6	15.27	3.3
Cardiff	11.05	11.0	23.29	11.9
Devonport	09.49	5.2	23.06	5.4
Dover	02.56	6.5	15.21	6.6
Dublin (N Wall)	03.24	4.3	16.04	3.7
Falmouth	09.20	5.0	21.31	5.2
Greenock	04.24	3.0	16.56	3.3
Harwich	03.45	4.1	16.00	4.0
Holyhead	02.06	5.7	14.35	5.2
Hull (Albert D)	10.12	8.0	22.48	8.3
Ilfracombe	10.05	9.8	22.30	8.9
King's Lynn	10.10	6.8	23.04	6.2

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith	06.33	5.5	19.07	5.4
Liverpool	03.02	9.5	15.30	9.0
Lowestoft	01.25	2.4	13.22	2.5
Margate	04.00	4.7	16.12	4.7
Milford Haven	10.21	6.6	22.45	6.7
Newquay	09.15	6.8	21.40	6.7
Oban	09.39	3.5	22.13	3.7
Penzance	08.45	5.2	21.10	5.4
Portland	11.15	1.8	23.20	1.9
Portsmouth	03.05	4.6	15.48	4.6
Shoreham	03.02	6.1	15.37	6.1
Southampton	02.31	4.5	15.03	4.5
Swansea	10.25	9.1	22.48	9.2
Tees	07.39	5.4	20.23	5.1
Walton-on-N	03.40	4.3	15.54	4.1

All times BST. Heights in metres

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.44 am
Sun sets: 9.22 pm
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Moon rises

London 9.22 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol 9.31 pm to 4.55 am
Edinburgh 10.03 pm to 4.28 am
Manchester 9.42 pm to 4.41 am
Penzance 9.36 pm to 5.14 am

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 25 1997

CPS takes on criminal case against Regan

By Robert Miller, banking correspondent

THE Crown Prosecution Service has taken over private criminal proceedings started by the Co-operative Wholesale Society against Andrew Regan, the entrepreneur who led a failed takeover bid for the Co-op.

The CPS is also taking over the prosecution of David Lyons, Mr Regan's adviser, and Allan Green, the former Co-op manager. The Co-op said the CPS had asked the police to make further investigations.

Separately, Hambros Bank is coming under scrutiny by the Bank of England over its role as adviser to Mr Regan and Lanica Trust, his investment vehicle, during the Co-op bid.

The Times has learnt that Norton Rose, the law firm asked by Hambros to conduct an independent inquiry into the Co-op bid, has so far failed to interview Mr Regan, Mr Lyons and Mr Green. Nor, it appears, have CWS directors been asked to give their version of events.

If the Bank of England is dissatisfied with the Hambros report, which is being conducted by James Bagge, a partner and specialist in City regulation at Norton Rose, it can insist on a second — and more wide-ranging — inquiry that would interview all the key players on both sides of the failed Co-op bid.

The Hambros report into the Co-op affair will be the first test of the Bank's role as a banking watchdog since the Government announced that it was passing the job to a new super regulator staffed with the same personnel. A second inquiry would also be a serious embarrassment to Sir Chips Keswick, chief executive of Hambros, who is also a member of the Court of the Bank of England.

Copies of the Norton Rose inquiry will be sent immediately to the Bank and the Securities and Futures Authority, the regulator for brokers and futures dealers. At least six Hambros staff who worked on the Co-op bid are authorised to conduct business by the SFA, which could even order its own investigation depending on the findings in the report.

Hambros was hired by Mr Regan as the merchant banker to advise on a bid for the Co-op using Galileo, a purpose-built vehicle. Certain key documents were alleged to have been stolen from the CWS during the course of the bid. These were then circulated widely among a large number of London investment banks by Hambros. When the estimated £1.1 billion bid was stopped by the courts at the end of April, Hambros, together with Travers Smith Braithwaite, Galileo's legal adviser, publicly apologised to the CWS and paid over a reputed £1 million. To date the Co-op affair has cost Hambros an estimated £5 million.

Sources close to the Regan camp said last night that both Mr Regan and Mr Lyons were keen to assist the Norton Rose inquiry. Lawyers for the two men sought assurances from Norton Rose that it was an independent inquiry, which would be made public.

In the past few days the Lanica duo have received a letter stating they would not be told the terms of reference that Hambros had set out for the inquiry and would have no right to comment on parts of the report that related to them. Norton Rose also stated the report would not be published.

Ian Burton of Burton Copeland, the law firm acting for Mr Regan and Mr Lyons, said: "We are delighted that the Crown Prosecution Service has become involved. We asked them to do so last week by telephone and then letter. I would be extremely surprised if, after the investigation is completed, the case proceeds. And, if it did I would be amazed if charges were not brought against other individuals actively involved in the takeover bid."

GEC's defence arm looks for merger partners

From Oliver August in Brussels

GEC's defence arm is looking for merger or alliance partners and is particularly interested in a foreign link-up, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, chairman of GEC Marconi, said yesterday.

George Simpson, GEC chief executive, is to announce his reorganisation plans early next month.

Addressing a defence industry conference in Brussels yesterday, Sir Geoffrey praised the benefits of cross-border mergers.

Sir Geoffrey said: "If the shareholders are better served by an alliance or merger between GEC Marconi and whoever then they will vote for it."

But he seemed to rule out a merger of GEC and British Aerospace. He said: "What I'm talking about are horizontal mergers. I haven't been very impressed by the concept of national champions, as in Germany."

Speculation has been rife whether Mr Simpson will consider loosening his grip on Marconi. He is scheduled to outline his plans on July 8 after the annual announcement of results.

Charles Armitage, an analyst at Lehman Brothers, said this month: "We do not expect GEC to joint venture the whole of Marconi as this would mean that the three core business of GEC, power generation, telecoms and defence, would all be joint ventures and GEC would have increasingly less control over all its key assets."

Sir Geoffrey, a former Conservative Defence Minister, called for the active support of the British Government and its European partners in the consolidation process. Governments would have to relax monopoly rules and accept the loss of some control over defence manufacturers. He said: "Governments have to be ready to accept the consequences of consolidation, or the defence industry will decline even more spectacularly."

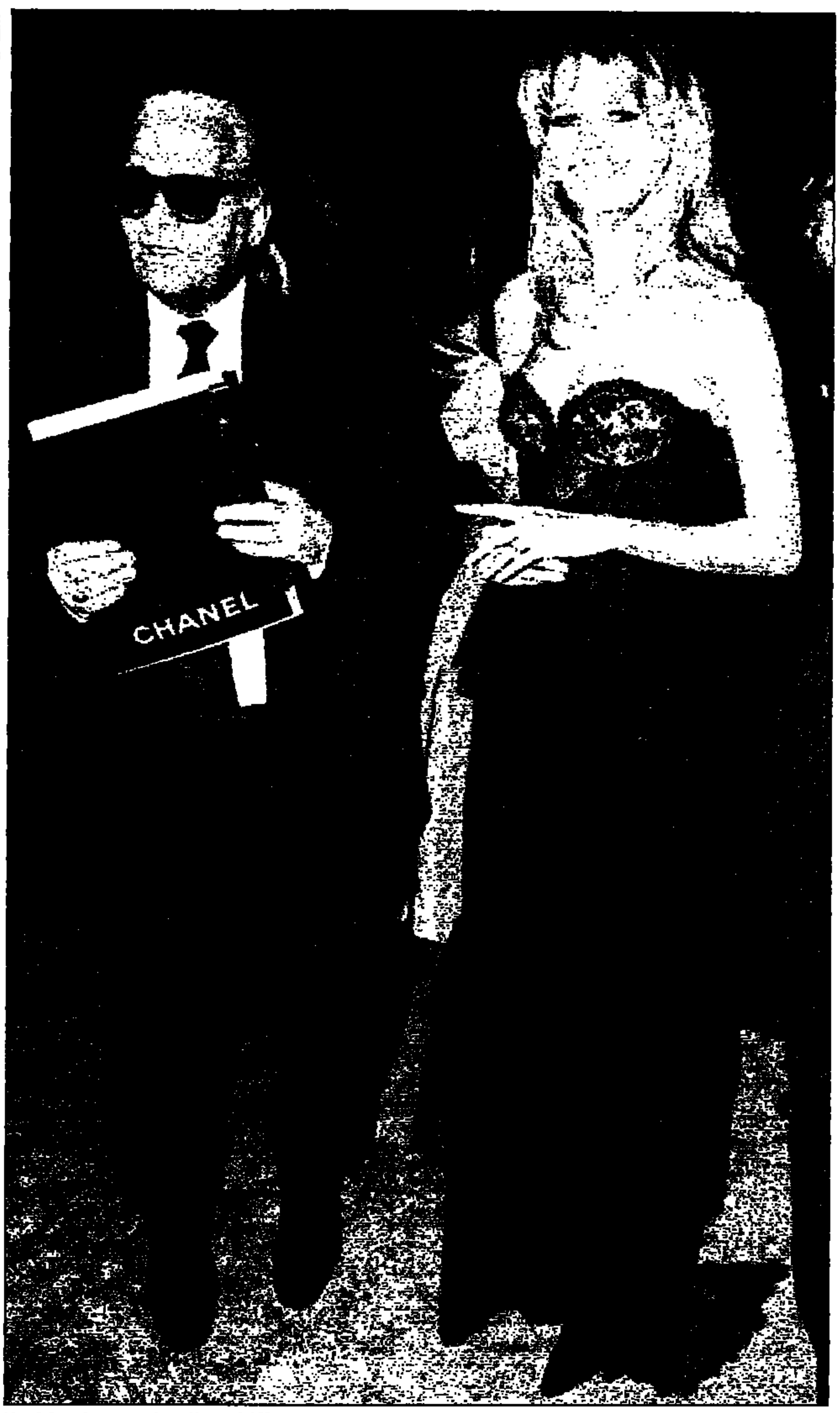
Across Europe, the number of defence jobs shrunk from 1.2 million to 600,000 over the last decade.

John Howe, deputy chief of defence procurement support at the Ministry of Defence, agreed with Sir Geoffrey.

He said: "The situation is extremely urgent. The Labour Government doesn't want the defence industry to disappear.

"But whether we would actually help to bring about a merger between GEC and British Aerospace or others to the disadvantage of excluded companies has to be decided in the defence review."

Simpson: plans for revamp



Fashion icons: Claudia Schiffer with Karl Lagerfeld, who requested the split from Vendôme

End of season for Lagerfeld association with Vendôme

By Dominic Walsh

VENDÔME, the luxury goods group behind brands such as Dunhill and Cartier, has ended its five-year relationship with Karl Lagerfeld, the fashion designer.

The company, which in April hired Stella McCartney to replace Herr Lagerfeld as chief designer to its Chloé ready-to-wear clothing range, has sold the rights to the Karl Lagerfeld trademark back to the designer.

Lord Douro, deputy chairman, said the shedding of the brand had been at Herr Lagerfeld's request and "entirely amicable". He would not be drawn on the sale price, but said: "It was very small in relation to the group. There will be no significant effect on the results in the current year as a result of this agreement."

News of the split came as Vendôme, which is 70 per cent owned by the South African-controlled Richemont Securities, reported an 8.1 per cent rise in profits before tax to SFr510 million in the year to March 31 on turnover up 11.7 per cent to Sfr3 billion.

However, the strength of the pound meant that in sterling terms pre-tax profits dipped 4 per cent to £247.5 million on turnover marginally lower at £1.46 billion.

The first half was hit by lower spending in the Far Eastern market, but the second half saw turnover up almost 20 per cent and operating profits up 17.5 per cent. The company's shops accounted for 45 per cent of group sales, compared to 30 per cent five years ago.

The board recommended a final dividend of SFr0.2, giving a total of SFr0.295, a rise of 22.9 per cent.

Oil firms slip into £110m losses

By Our Industrial Staff

BRITAIN'S oil companies lost a collective £110 million in 1996 on gross sales of £41 billion in the fierce forecourt war. They had managed to scrape together a pre-tax profit of £94 million in 1995, the Petroleum Industry Association said.

Industry specialists blamed the loss on tight retail margins, caused by competition with the supermarkets, and overcapacity among refiners. The trends are expected to continue this year and to lead to further consolidation among the petrol marketing operations of the oil giants.

Michael Frend, director-general of the Petroleum Industry Association, said that almost 10 per cent of all British filling stations closed in 1996.

For 1997 he predicted: "More mergers, more alliances and more refinery closures. The oil companies do expect 1997 to be a tough year." British pump prices have remained among the lowest in Europe after Esso Petroleum launched its Pricewatch campaign in early 1996, promising to match its lowest-priced competitors — supermarkets near the Esso sites that had started selling cheap petrol to attract customers.

The 13 members of the Petrol Industry Association, which excludes the independents and supermarkets, account for 85 per cent of the sales volume in Britain.

☐ Oil prices fell again yesterday after Iraq announced it expected to resume exports under the United Nations oil-for-food pact within ten days. North Sea Brent crude fell 25 cents to $17.75 a barrel.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

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FTSE All share	2183.6	(+5.81)
Nikkei	20341.93	(-94.21)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7651.08	(+46.82)*
S&P Composite	883.38	(+4.76)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{3}{8}$%*	($5\frac{3}{8}$%)
Long Bond	$99\frac{3}{16}$*	($99\frac{3}{32}$)
Yield	6.69%*	(6.70%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	$6\frac{3}{4}$%	($6\frac{3}{4}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	$113\frac{17}{32}$	($113\frac{3}{16}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6635*	(1.6717)
London:		
$	1.6660	(1.6643)
DM	2.8721	(2.8666)
FFr	9.6971	(9.6664)
SFr	2.3947	(2.3870)
Yen	191.34	(192.18)
£ Index	101.6	(101.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7255*	(1.7175)
FFr	5.8265*	(5.7920)
SFr	1.4390*	(1.4305)
Yen	114.79*	(114.74)
$ Index	102.6	(102.7)

Tokyo close Yen 114.55

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep)	$17.95	($18.10)

GOLD

London close	$338.15	($338.40)

* denotes midday trading price

Anger at Sears

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Digital-TV licence awards lift shares

By Eric Reguly

SHARES of Carlton and Granada, the two largest commercial broadcasters, surged yesterday after the Independent Television Commission awarded them licences to launch digital terrestrial TV (DTT), capable of delivering 20 channels, next year.

British Digital Broadcasting, the DTT company owned by Carlton and Granada, believes DTT will appeal to those who do not subscribe to satellite or cable TV.

Carlton rose 8½p to 525p, while Granada finished at 854½p, up 19½p. Shares of BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, continued their decline, closing at 467½p, down 19p. The ITC awarded the digital licences to British Digital Broadcasting on the condition that BSkyB, a founding partner that is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, sell its one-third equity stake in the group.

Analysts think BSkyB's fall may be overdone. They note that BSkyB will still supply programming, but will bear none of DTT's start-up costs, estimated at £300 million.

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Tax rise forecast as pound hits post-ERM high

By Alasdair Murray

THE Chancellor will use the Budget to phase out mortgage interest rate relief (Miras) and cut advance corporation tax, a leading economics group forecasts today.

The Ernst and Young ITEM Club, which uses the Treasury's economic model as the basis for predictions, believes Gordon Brown will make the tax rises to prevent interest rates going above a peak of 7.25 per cent. Economists forecast that, unless there are substantial tax rises in the Budget, the Bank of England will raise interest rates as high as 9 per cent by the end of next year. The ITEM Club report provides some relief to Britain's exporters, who have struggled under the burden of the strong pound. The report argues that the pound is near its peaks and sterling will soon fall back towards DM2.63.

The pound yesterday hit another post-ERM high against the mark, touching DM2.88 before falling back to close at DM2.8717 from DM2.8673. Sterling made small gains against the dollar, rising from $1.6647 to $1.6658, while the trade weighted index finished up 0.1 at 101.6, a new five-year record.

The stock market also bounced back after six consecutive falls with the FTSE 100 closing up 20.5 points at 4,596.3. The London market was reassured overnight by comments from Japan that it did not intend to sell out of US government bonds. On Wall Street the Dow Jones industrial average was up 32.57 at 7,636.83 at midday.

The ITEM Club report forecasts that GDP growth will peak this year at 3.2 per cent but decelerate rapidly to 2.5 per cent next year as interest rate and tax rises begin to bite. Inflation will remain below 3 per cent for the rest of this year but climb to 3.1 per cent next year. Government borrowing will also undershoot this year at £15.1 billion, compared with Treasury forecasts of £19 billion, and fall to £9.4 billion next year.

Andrew Dilnot, director of the Institute of Fiscal Studies, also today warns the Government, in a paper presented to the Economic and Social Research Council, that it will have to accept a further shift to private funding for health and education in order to stick to its tough spending plans.

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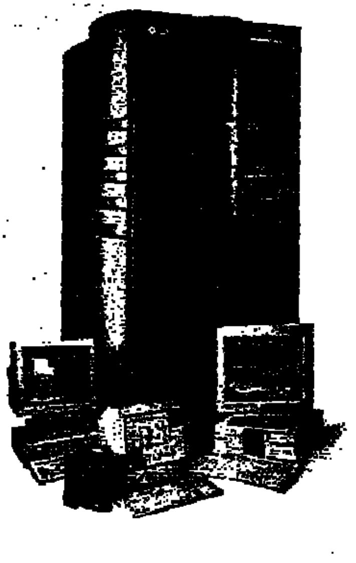

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Chloride disposes of distributor

Chloride, the emergency power supply specialist, has sold the distribution arm of its intruder alarm division for £1.3 million.

The company, which last year sold its last battery business, will keep £100,000 of profit on the deal.

Chloride made an expected pre-tax profit of £6.94 million (£5.59 million) for the year to March 31, after a £3.24 million gain from the closure of its pension fund. Earnings per share were 4.14p (2.19p). The dividend rises to 0.65p (0.45p) with a final 0.47p due on August 22.

Vero warning

Shares in Vero Group fell to 99½p, from 121½p, after the maker of metal housings for electronics, said trading had weakened in key markets. First-half sales are likely to be about £56 million, similar to the 1996 first half, and profits are expected to be less than the £7.4 million seen then. Vero said the second half of 1997 is expected to be better.

Water firm up

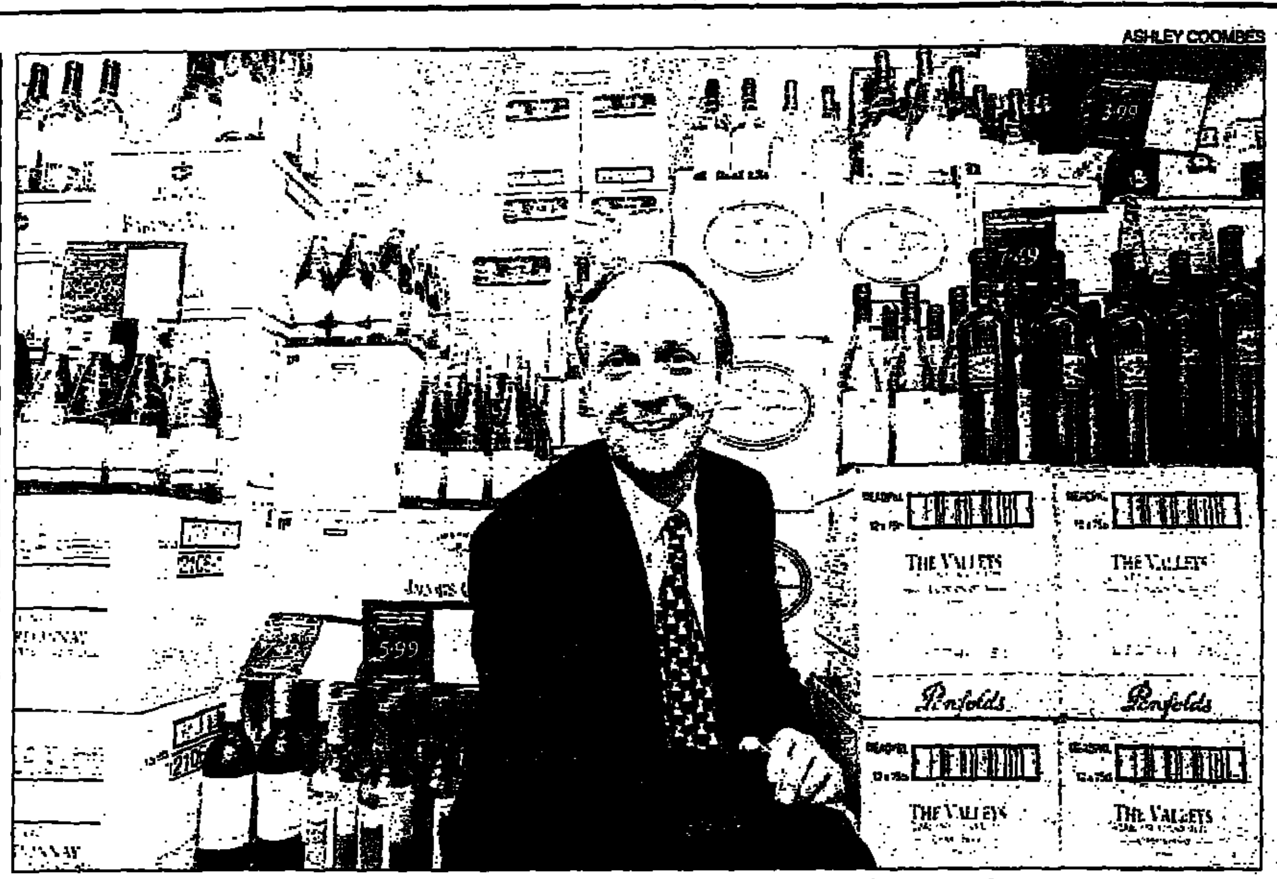
East Surrey Holdings, the water company, saw benefits of merging with Sutton District Water, with a 22 per cent rise, to £18.4 million, in pre-tax profit for the year to March 31 on sales up 2.4 per cent, to £48.1 million. A 7.2p final dividend makes 10.8p, up 16 per cent.

Property hope

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors expects commercial property values to rise 7 per cent this year and 6 per cent next. Graham Chase, its commercial property spokesman, said: "After several false dawns, the industry is set to see a sustained recovery on … a strengthening and, more importantly, stable economy."

Cooper hit

Frederick Cooper, the architectural hardware company, says it expects a substantial fall in profits this year, prompting a cut in the final dividend. Its shares fell 1½p, to 23½p, their lowest since 1993.



ASHLEY COOMBES

Tim How, chief executive of Majestic Wine, estimates that the still wine market is growing at 8 per cent a year

Majestic uncorks 60% leap

MAJESTIC WINE, the wine warehouse chain, is enjoying buoyant like-for-like sales, thanks to strong growth in the market and its customers' willingness to pay more for better wines (Paul Durman writes).

In the first ten weeks of its new financial year, Majestic's sales grew 21.3 per cent, with a like-for-like improvement of 14.5 per cent. In the year ended March 31, sales rose nearly a quarter to £49.8 million. Pre-tax profits, before a £547,000 property writedown, rose 60 per cent to £1.98 million.

Tim How, chief executive, estimates that the still wine market is growing at 8 per cent a year, with the average purchase now more than £90.

The company, which joined the Alternative Investment Market last November, will pay a first dividend, of 3.5p a share, on August 8.

Shareholders accuse Sears of 'contracts that reward failure'

By Fraser Nelson

SIR BOB REID, chairman of Sears, yesterday came under fierce attack from shareholders who demanded an explanation for the £463,000 payoff it gave to Liam Strong, its failed chief executive.

At a stormy annual meeting in London, Sir Bob, who relieved Mr Strong of his duties in April, was accused of providing his directors with "contracts that reward failure". Sir Bob said the company was powerless to avoid giving Mr Strong the payout which, he said, was part of a contract signed five years ago under stiff competition for directors.

He said: "It's not a whitewash; it's a market. If you were going to buy Cantona from Manchester United, you would not pay peanuts."

Shareholders, who have seen the value of their investment plunge by 32 per cent in the last year, were unsatisfied with the response. One warned the board that their "jackets are on a shaky hanger".

The meeting came as the company admitted its like-for-like sales growth had halved to 2.5 per cent from 5.3 per cent in the first quarter, in spite of a 6 per cent growth from Selfridges, the London-based department store.

Analysts wrote down year-end forecasts to profits of £54 million from £63 million, against a £107 million loss last time. The disappointing sales figures fuelled the anger at the meeting, as the board came under attack for everything from their contracts to their allowance for a 35 per cent discount at Selfridges. Sir Bob said the benefits were in line with packages offered by other companies — but the problem, said one shareholder, is that "other companies do very well and you don't".

His attempt to defend Mr Strong also backfired when he pointed out that British Airways had "gone from strength to strength" after Mr Strong resigned as operations director. This was met with raucous laughter and cries of "I wonder why!" and "That's our point exactly". One shareholder suggested to Sir Bob that he asks British Airways for a cash contribution in gratitude for Mr Strong's departure.

Every director was re-elected, although there was stiff opposition to the appointment of Lord Tebbit, the former Cabinet minister. After a second count, he was re-elected with 66 per cent of the vote.

The shares closed up ½p at 70p, after it emerged that PDFM, the institutional shareholder, had raised its holding in Sears from 14.4 per cent to 15.4 per cent.

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Leaver seeks end to pay-view deal

By Jason Nissé

PETER LEAVER QC, the newly appointed chief executive of the FA Premier League, is to press for an early end to the £670 million contract between BSkyB and the top flight of British football so that pay-per-view televising of the sport can be introduced in two years' time.

Mr Leaver will put the Premier League's case at a meeting next week with BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*. The meeting is expected to be attended by Mark Booth, BSkyB's chief executive designate, and Elizabeth Murdoch, the general manager.

The 20 clubs in the Premier League told Mr Leaver at their summer meeting earlier this month that they do not want an early introduction of pay-per-view in the 1998-99 season, a proposal which was put forward by Leeds United and enthusiastically backed by BSkyB.

Instead, they want to use the break clause inserted in the TV deal agreed a year ago, allowing the BSkyB contract to be terminated so pay-per-view can be brought in at the start of the 1999-2000 season.

It was thought that any pay-per-view deal would be struck with BSkyB, which has enjoyed success with pay-per-view boxing. However, after a feasibility study the clubs are now pressing to retain the copyright of the matches and run their own TV service. This would enable them to sell the TV packages to whichever broadcaster pays most.

Clubs such as Arsenal, Aston Villa and Newcastle United are concerned about the poor performance of pay-per-view when it was introduced in Italy and France last season.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Contract incentives for caring firms

THE Government is considering giving preference in awarding official contracts to companies that meet recognised standards in the way they treat their employees. Companies meeting specific standards of employee training and development could win a high proportion of government contracts worth billions of pounds.

Government consideration of the idea comes as ministers make a new move today between business and Labour in government. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and David Blunkett, the Employment and Education Secretary, will meet leaders of key companies, hoping to win their practical support for the welfare-to-work programme. They will look for companies to commit themselves to the programme's New Deal jobs schemes for the young and long-term unemployed.

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UTA factory to close

A FACTORY in Londonderry is set to close with the loss of 600 jobs. United Technology Automotive, which makes electrical wiring systems for cars, is the only big employer in the city's Creggan and Bogside area. The factory, where at one stage more than 1,100 people worked, has been in trouble for some time, and has seen a series of lay-offs. Business leaders in the city, where the rate of unemployment in some parts is more than 50 per cent, were stunned by the decision of UTA, which numbers Ford and Jaguar among its customers.

NU cheques in the post

SOME Norwich Union investors were still waiting for cheques and share certificates yesterday, eight days after it floated on the stock market. Because the shares were hugely oversubscribed, Norwich Union had to send refund cheques to many investors. Most were posted with nearly 800,000 share certificates and share account statements last Friday, although some went out on Saturday. Investors have been given warning by the insurer not to sell until they receive postal confirmation of their allocation.

Ernest Green reversal

TRADING was halted in the shares of Ernest Green & Partners as a reverse takeover of the structural engineers was announced. Ernest Green is issuing 11.6 million shares to acquire White Young Consulting, another consulting engineer, for £7.2 million. Richard Brayson and John Purvis, directors of White Young, will take over as Ernest Green's chief executive and managing director respectively. After the takeover White Young's investors will control 60 per cent of the issued capital of Ernest Green.

Domino holds steady

DOMINO PRINTING SCIENCES returned pre-tax profits little changed at £4.1 million in the half-year to April 30, compared with £4 million in the first half of the previous year. Sales rose to £55.3 million, from £51.6 million. The company said improvements in Britain and America offset underperformance in continental Europe. Results were adversely affected by the strength of sterling. The interim dividend is increased to 4.4p a share, from 4p, payable from earnings that rose to 10p a share, from 8.6p.

Jobs boost at Hyder

HYDER, the Welsh multi-utility, is to recruit 200 staff to sell gas when the competitive market opens in Wales. Swalec Gas, its new gas company, aims to sign up about 800,000 domestic gas customers, promising significant cuts in annual gas bills. Competition in gas is scheduled to be implemented in Wales next year when Centrica, the former supply side of British Gas, faces competition from rival suppliers. Hyder, Wales's biggest company, already employs 9,000 people in its water, electricity and engineering business.

Halifax rates to rise

HALIFAX savers will see their interest rates rise on July 1 but the increases still lag the competition. Savings rates are rising because of the base rate and mortgage rate changes this month. A balance of £2,500-plus in a Halifax Liquid Gold account will earn 3.45 per cent, an increase of 0.45 per cent, compared with rates of as high 6.15 per cent at some building societies. Sainsbury's Bank now pays 6.15 per cent on deposits of as little as £1. The Halifax, which became a bank in June, yesterday joined the FTSE 100 index of leading shares.

GMB to vote on strikes

BUILDING WORKERS will soon vote on strike action that could halt projects including the Millennium Dome site at Greenwich and the extension to Manchester Airport. The GMB general union is to ballot members on industrial action over pay after talks with employers failed last month. If action goes ahead it will be the first national strike for 25 years. Allan Black, GMB national officer, said: "Any industrial action will be targeted at capital infrastructure projects." Strikes by workers in the GMB would take place during the summer.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.15
Austria Sch ...	21.10	19.55
Belgium Fr	62.15	57.51
Canada $	2.429	2.254
Cyprus Cyp£ .	0.890	0.823
Denmark Kr .	11.46	10.64
Finland Mkk .	9.10	8.40
France Fr	10.11	9.38
Germany Dm .	3.02	2.79
Greece Dr	477	440
Hong Kong $	13.62	12.49
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.07
Israel Shk	6.15	5.50
Italy Lira	2967	2745
Japan Yen	205.20	188.80
Malta	0.670	0.614
Netherlds Gld	3.406	3.129
New Zealand $	2.58	2.38
Norway Kr	12.61	11.73
Portugal Esc ..	301.00	280.50
S Africa Rd	8.18	7.26
Spain Pta	252.50	235.00
Sweden Kr ..	13.59	12.56
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.33
Turkey Lira	253361	234789
USA $	1.762	1.628

Rates for small denomination bank notes supplied by Barclays Bank. Other rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Nationwide about-turn by Hardern

By Nathan Yates and Anne Ashworth

MICHAEL HARDERN, the dissident standing for the Nationwide board, may once more be in favour of conversion and windfall payouts.

Last week, Mr Hardern, a freelance butler, announced that he wished the Nationwide to remain a mutual. Mr Hardern now says that he had adopted a pro-mutuality stance as a "tactic".

Mr Hardern appears to have been influenced by the other four dissident members, also standing for the board, who have reaffirmed their wish to force the Nationwide to become a bank.

Brian Davis, Nationwide chief executive, described Mr Hardern's latest change of heart as "frivolous".

☐ Conversion windfall complaints accounted for more than 25 per cent of the Building Societies Ombudsman's postbag. In his report, published yesterday, Brian Murphy said that he could not intervene, as his jurisdiction did not cover membership rights.

Eurotunnel sets day for debt vote

By Fraser Nelson

EUROTUNNEL, the debt-laden operator of the Channel Tunnel, has named July 10 as the date when it will seek shareholder approval for the restructuring agreement that it has provisionally struck with its banks.

Patrick Ponsolle, chairman, said that the tunnel is now attracting record levels of traffic. More than 1,000 lorries a day are now using its Le Shuttle service. He added that interest charges, which have wiped out any trading profit the company makes, will, over the next seven years, be nearly 40 per cent lower than last year. M Ponsolle warned shareholders not to underestimate the value of the concessions obtained from the banks.

Failure to approve the debt restructuring plan, he said, would most likely take the group into insolvency. "It is now or never," he said. "A failure to approve the plan risks loss of everything."

Eurotunnel shares eased 1p, to 66½p.

George admits to EMU 'nerves'

By Alasdair Murray

EDDIE GEORGE admitted yesterday to being "frankly nervous" about launching the single currency during a period of high unemployment.

The Governor of the Bank of England, speaking at City University Business School, gave warning that the high level of unemployment in Europe could undermine political support for the stability policies needed to ensure that the euro works.

The European Central Bank could quickly become viewed as partly responsible for the high levels of unemployment. "Its job would be enormously more difficult if its attempts to maintain stability came to be seen — however mistakenly — as an obstacle to the end-objectives of economic policy, particularly increasing unemployment." He suggested that there were some signs in the markets that this problem was beginning to harm EMU. "It may be for this reason that foreign exchange markets are implying that they expect relative euro weakness," he said.

Mr George also expressed concern over the "real risks" in proceeding with EMU when countries were starting from different economic positions. He pointed to the cyclical differences between the UK and many European economies with domestic demand accelerating close to an unsustainable rate in Britain, while in Europe demand remains relatively subdued.

But Mr George still saw real economic advantages in exchange rate certainty across the single market area.

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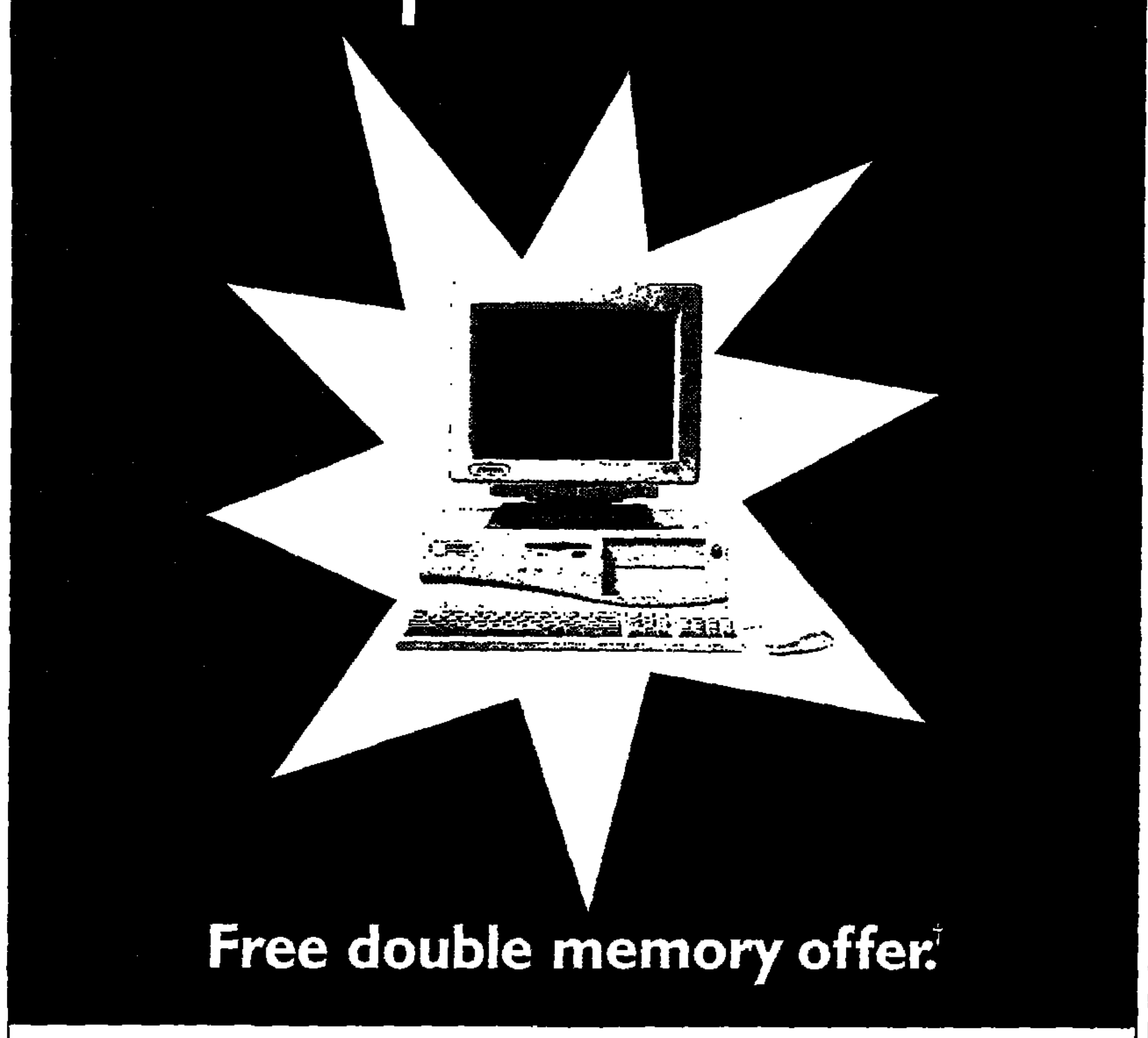

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Ross gets by on family allowance

COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

James Ross may be regretting the day that he decided that the family-owned Littlewoods group would provide a comfortable berth after the acrimonious tussles he had to endure at Cable & Wireless.

Trying to please shareholders who want to combine making a better return on their investment with the salvation of their social consciences is putting Mr Ross in an almost impossible position. The two prongs of the strategy he evolved to please his new masters now both seem in danger of collapsing.

His efforts to sell the chain stores are just days away from defeat. Kingfisher, which has for several weeks been the only contender for the deal, is growing increasingly frustrated and is on the verge of walking away from the negotiating table, this time for good.

Price is not the sticking point so much as some Littlewoods family members' insistence that it would only sell to a single buyer and jobs within the group should be protected.

Kingfisher thought it had come close to finding a formula that would keep the family happy, and since signing a confidentiality agreement with the group has been trying to sort out the details. Tesco has been formally lined up to take a parcel of around 20 stores, Kingfisher's Woolworth chain would have the pick of the rest, and a smaller Littlewoods chain would remain in business. But it seems unlikely that Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy has any wish to be lumbered for longer than necessary with running a second-rate chain store business that barely manages to squeeze out a profit. He has surely not been through the discomfort of bringing Kingfisher back up to scratch, after a lapse which cost him the chairman's job, only to take on that task. More likely, he envisaged hanging on to the Littlewoods business for the shortest time necessary to enable the family to say they had kept their word. Then he would break it up.

James Ross might have been amenable to such a pragmatic solution but, it seems, some members of the Littlewoods family are not. In which case it will leave poor Mr Ross trying to find a recipe for revitalising the near friendless chain.

And his problems may not end there. His plan for building up the group's mail order business through the acquisition of Freemans is now being scrutinised by the Mõnopolies and Mergers Commission. By the tenor of its questions, it looks as if the commission is concentrating its probe on the issue of credit availability for the lower income groups, traditionally the customers of mail order firms.

On that basis, the Commission could take the view that the merger would reduce competition and advise Margaret Beckett to veto it.

Sears shareholders must by now be primed for such a kick in the teeth. Those who turned up for the annual meeting yesterday learned that hapless chief executive, Liam Strong, may have departed but his legacy lives on.

Pension pariahs face wrath of Liddell

It's easy to sound tough when you're Scots and the Economic Secretary to the Treasury has been making the best of her natural advantage. However, Helen Liddell's censorious words for the most recalcitrant pension companies will be an empty threat, unless she also shows that her bite is as sharp as her Lanarkshire bark. Yesterday, Mrs Liddell refused to say how she would penalise the companies with the worst record of settling pension compensation cases. No amount of pleading would make her reveal her full strategy.

Her silence could be read in two ways: either Mrs Liddell has unspeakable punishments in store for offenders, or she understands that using the sanctions open to her would not be feasible. This might explain why she did not threaten Legal & General and Sedgwick with the temporary removal of their authorisation to do business, as allowed by the provisions of the Financial Services Act.

The busy Mrs Liddell has the right to expect that the regulators will do some of her dirty work for her. Their conduct, to date, does not inspire any degree of confidence. The Personal Investment Authority (PIA) has, so far, failed to make a painful example of any firm dilatory in clearing its liabilities.

Perhaps an organisation that has at its head the former boss of Legal & General is more prone to sympathise with the industry than to reprimand those he regards as peers.

Less elevated members of staff should, however, be more prepared for plain-speaking and zero tolerance. Anxious to be remployed in the new super-SIB that will replace the current system of investor protection, they should now be anxious to show their mettle.

Since Mrs Liddell has chosen to be unspecific about the outcome for those who have trangressed, it is important that she maintains this air of silent menace.

The monthly pensions review progress reports must not become routine but another opportunity to make insurance company chief executives wish that they had chosen any other career. Discreet mentions of the stakeholder pension, Labour's proposed solution to the nation's poor level of retirement saving, should also prove useful in this process.

Exclusion from sales of the stakeholder pension is the final card that Mrs Liddell can play. She must show the life industry that she will use it without fear.

Time up for carry on at the Corporation

It is tempting to see the archaic rituals of City politics as some quaint survivor from another age, a gaudy electoral coelacanth that adds to the diversity and gaiety of life in the Square Mile but does no real harm. It is all terribly self-important. But if grown men want to parade around in ostrich feathers, set themselves up as the *Worshipful Company of Hat Pin* Makers or argue over who is entitled to drive sheep across Tower Bridge, who are we to stop them? There are some archaic rituals surviving at the other end of the Embankment at Westminster, but life has at least moved on there since the Reform Act. Consider a Parliament in which one rank of members, once elected, could hang on indefinitely, but if someone chosen by the electorate was not to their taste, he or she could with impunity be denied a seat. Yet just such an undemocratic body has power over spending in the City and over the lives of the 10,000 or so who live within its bounds. Foreigners find it all rather amusing, until it dawns on them that the chap over there in the feathered tricorn might have some influence over whether their rubbish is collected — or what tax breaks their investment bank may be offered by central Government. The City Corporation accepts that change must come. Some Aldermen do not. The Government will get around to the matter. The Corporation had better have clear ideas by then on how reform can be achieved.

Lead ITEM

THE pre-Budget barrage of speculation, leaks and special pleading has ensured that Gordon Brown's first Budget next week will retain some elements of surprise, either because of what it contains or what it omits. But if he is still pondering over the contents, he is likely to pay particular attention to today's forecast from ITEM, showing a winning combination of a phased out Miras and clawback of ACT with an interest rate ceiling of just 7.25 per cent.

First Leisure suffers bingo setback

By Dominic Walsh

MICHAEL GRADE, the former Channel 4 head, faces a rough ride as executive chairman of First Leisure after the company yesterday reported a 5 per cent slide in interim pretax profits to £17.2 million, on the back of a disastrous performance from its bingo division.

Shares in the company shed 20½p to 315½p, as analysts digested the implications of a 25 per cent drop in like-for-like sales in bingo and losses for the division of £1.3 million (£100,000 profit last time). Mr Grade said: "We got it wrong at the operational level, and underestimated the competitive challenge to our entering the market."

But Mr Grade said drastic action to remedy the situation was being taken.

A charge of £2.4 million will be taken against full-year figures as a result of board changes — both John Conlan, chief executive, and Nick Tamblyn, commercial director, left just after Mr Grade's arrival three weeks ago — and the restructuring of the bingo division. Severance payments for the two directors remain undisclosed. Some 15 managers from the bingo division have been replaced and three former executives from Rank, a rival company, drafted in. Mr Grade rejected suggestions that he should sell off bingo, although he admitted he did not have "limitless patience". He added: "I don't believe for a moment that the British public has lost its appetite for bingo. It is the second-biggest leisure activity after angling in this country."

The division will benefit from a £100 million development programme across the company over two years, with six new-style bingo halls planned at £2.5 million each. Most of the money will go into the company's three other divisions — nightclubs and bars, sports and resorts — each of which achieved growth in both sales and profits, contributing to a 7 per cent rise in group turnover to £88.8 million in the six months to April 30.

Mr Grade dismissed suggestions that First Leisure's performance made it a takeover target for a company such as Rank Group. "Our independence is one of our great strengths and is jealously guarded."

Earnings per share were 7.24p (7.17p). The interim dividend is 2.64p (2.51p).

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Halma shares fall 14%

By Martin Barrow

SHARES in Halma, the safety and environmental technology group, fell more than 14 per cent yesterday after it returned annual profits that fell short of City expectations.

In the year to March 29 the company lifted pre-tax profits 10 per cent to £37.1 million, a record. But the stock market had anticipated profits of about £40 million. The shares dropped 27½p to 162½p in response.

Operating profits from continuing operations were little changed at £33.87 million before a £3.2 million contribution from acquisitions. Turnover was £200 million, up from £173.6 million.

Apollo, the largest company in the group, was adversely affected by the strength of sterling.

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Talks off at Country Casuals

By Fraser Nelson

COUNTRY CASUALS, the troubled clothing retailer that sold its two women's wear divisions last month, has broken off takeover talks with Mark Bunce, its former chief executive, because he failed to make a formal offer after three months.

Tom Adam, chairman, said the company was no longer prepared to wait for Mr Bunce's proposition and had formally ceased negotiations so it could return to normal business. He said: "The matter was in Mr Bunce's court. There was no argument about price because there was no price to argue about."

He added that the company had received a number of informal approaches from other potential bidders, but had yet to receive an offer.

The shares dropped 12p to 113½p.

Mid Ocean bonanza on way at Brockbank

MARK BROCKBANK and 20 senior managers at Brockbank Group, the Lloyd's underwriter, stand to earn a paper profit of £23 million following a recommended cash offer from Mid Ocean, the US reinsurance specialist (Marianne Curphey writes).

Mid Ocean is bidding for the remaining 49 per cent of Brockbank it does not already own. The bid of 696p a share values Brockbank at £85.5 million. Mr Brockbank, chief executive, and other members of the syndicate hold 27 per cent of the equity. Mr Brockbank's 22 per cent is worth about £19 million.

Brockbank executives will swap their holdings into restricted Mid Ocean ordinary shares, effectively locking them in for three years.

☐ Masthead Insurance reported 1996 pre-tax profits of £8.8 million (£2.2 million). Earnings were 14.1p a share (3.4p). A final dividend of 10p, due August 29, makes a total of 12.7p (3.2p).

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Investors quickly regain composure after US blow

SHARE prices in London responded bravely to the overnight setback on Wall Street that saw the Dow Jones industrial average suffer its biggest one-day fall since Black Monday in October, 1987.

After a precautionary markdown that saw the FTSE 100 index extend the 250-point fall of the past week by almost 40 points, investors quickly regained their composure.

The sell-off in New York overnight centred on threats alleged to have been made by the Japanese to start selling US assets. But with the Japanese going to great lengths yesterday to diffuse the situation, financial markets quickly recovered. The index quickly moved into positive territory and closed just below its best of the day with a rise of 20.5 points at 4,596.3.

Michael Grade, of First Leisure, saw the share price fall

Once again it was the financial sector that held centre stage. Bid speculation continued to drive **NatWest Group** sharply higher, with the price ending up 41½p at 825p. **Royal Bank of Scotland** was another high-flyer, adding 15p at 598p after a report in *The Times* that it could soon find itself on the receiving end of a bid from **HSBC**, up 34p at £18.62. **Abbey National**, up 6p at 802p, is also seen as a possible target for HSBC. Other fast movers in the sector included **Lloyds TSB**, up 18½p to 628p with 15.35 million shares traded, **Standard Chartered**, ahead 38½p at 912½p, and **Bank of Scotland**, up 7p at 385p.

Cater Allen, the discount house, stood out with a rise of 15p at 557½p awaiting the outcome of bid talks. Speculators claim Abbey National is poised to bid more than £200 million, valuing the shares at about 630p each.

WH Smith continued to reel from this week's shock departure of Bill Cockburn, chief executive, midway through the group's overhaul. The shares finished 9p lower at 367½p. It stretches the loss on the week to 44p — its lowest for two years. Meanwhile, Next rallied 18p to 700½p after bearish comments from Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker.

A big buyer of **Cable & Wireless** caught traders, already short of stock, on the hop as the price surged 26½p to 585½p. Peter Cawdron, a director of **Compass Group**, took advantage of the fall in the company's share price, down 22p at 680p, to top up his holding. He splashed out £3 million, picking up 450,000 shares at 688p. This increases his stake to 451,300 shares, or 0.14 per cent.

RMC Group fell 20p to 980p as SBC Warburg, the broker, reiterated recent cautious comments.

Halma suffered the biggest fall among the FTSE 250 companies with a loss of 26½p to hit a new low of 162½p after full-year profits of £37.1 million came in below expectations. Credit Lyonnais Laing, which had been looking for profits of £41 million, says the shares are worth only 165p.

Brockbank, which is listed on the Alternative Investment Market, responded to news of a bid by Mid Ocean, the reinsurance specialist, with a leap of 130p at 672½p. Mid Ocean is offering 696p a share for the outstanding 49 per cent of the company it does not already own. The deal values Brockbank at £85.5 million.

Shares of **Ernest Green** were suspended at 62½p while details of a merger with White Young Consultants are being concluded. The deal will value White Young at £7.2 million.

The shares of **Floral Street**, which is AIM listed, returned from suspension 35p lower at 212½p after it emerged that reverse takeover talks had been terminated. It is also taking a hit of £250,000 relating to proposed acquisitions.

Country Casuals was 12p lower at 113½p after takeover talks with Mark Bunce, its former chief executive, broke down. The group is pondering whether to pursue other informal bid approaches.

A warning about second-half trading prospects left **First Leisure** 21p down at 315p. The group, of which Michael Grade is executive chairman, said full-year figures would contain £2.4 million of restructuring charges. Profits in the first half were barely changed.

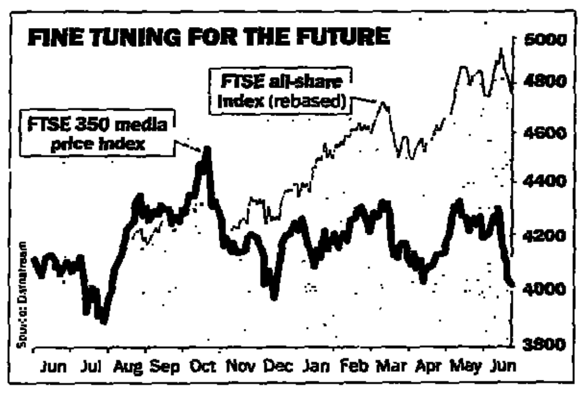
Hawtal Whiting, up 7p at 52p, is likely to benefit from greener Britain of Tony Blair. Its environmental arm has developed a system to reduce harmful emission on vehicles. Initial tests have proved encouraging.

Shares of **John Lusty** returned from suspension 1p firmer at 9½p after the passing of a number of resolutions at Monday's extraordinary general meeting.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices rallied from early losses to end with gains stretching to almost £½ at the longer end as the yield curve flattened. Dealers expect today's auction of £2 billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2003 to be fully subscribed.

In the futures pit, the September series of the Long Gilt ended £$^{11}/_{32}$ better at £113$^{17}/_{32}$ as the number of contracts completed rose to 82,000. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 put on £$^{7}/_{16}$ at £108¼, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was up a tick at £102⅝.

☐ **NEW YORK:** US stocks recovered some lost territory after the reassurances delivered by the Japanese, although the market's bounce was hampered by inflation fears. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 46.82 points at 7,651.08.



BSKYB, where News International, owner of *The Times*, holds a 40 per cent stake, ended a further 26½p off at 460p, stretching the loss of the past week to 135½p. It is being forced to sell its stake in British Digital Broadcasting for £75 million and was further undermined by claims that Premier League football clubs may go it alone and broadcast their own games.

Carlton rose 9p to 525½p and Granada 17½p to 852½p on the news that BDB had been awarded the licence to run three digital terrestrial channels.

Lorna Tilbian, at Panmure Gordon, says: "This week's events have seen BSkyB's stranglehold on the television industry loosened. The shares look reasonably valued."

Neil Blackley at Merrill Lynch disagrees. "The fall in the BSkyB share price is completely unjustified. Carlton looks fairly valued at these levels."

Both agree that BSkyB will continue to benefit as the main programme supplier to the digital terrestrial network. Tilbian has set a target price for Carlton of 575p a share.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 7651.08 (+46.82)
S&P Composite .... 883.38 (+4.70)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 20341.93 (-94.21)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 14890.96 (-130.27)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 816.06 (+0.20)

Sydney:
AO .... 2688.40 (-17.40)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 3755.82 (-1.10)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2041.38 (+6.59)

Brussels:
General .... 13423.64 (+16.52)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 2784.76 (+22.56)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 1151.40 (-0.80)

London:
FT 30 .... 2976.5 (+6.2)
FTSE 100 .... 4596.3 (+20.5)
FTSE 250 .... 4447.3 (-7.5)
FTSE 350 .... 2226.3 (+7.3)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 .... 2479.83 (+10.87)
FTSE All-Share .... 2163.6 (+5.81)
FTSE Non Financials .... 2206.89 (-1.46)
FTSE Fixed Interest .... 123.36 (+0.04)
FTSE Govt Secs .... 96.26 (+0.23)
Bargains 49709
SEAQ Volume 876.1m
US$ .... 1.6658 (+0.0011)
German Mark .... 2.8717 (+0.0044)
Exchange Index .... 101.6 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
E:ECU 1.4630
£:SDR 1.1856
RPI .... 156.9 May (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 156.3 May (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Aston Villa	837½	+ 40
Caradon B	80	- 7½
Gallaher	284	+ 2
Heart of Midlothian	110½	- 1
Highland Timber	124½	...
Integrated As Mgmt	125	...
Longbridge Intl	117½	...
Norwich Union (290)	326	- ½
Powderject Pharms	196½	- 1
Reabourne Merlin	110	+ 1
Royalblue Group	206	...
SBS Group	110½	- 1
Topps Tiles	112½	...
Versalite Group	3½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Benchmark n/p (200)	20	...
Century Inns n/p (155)	1½	...
Millwall Hldgs n/p (1)	¼	- ¼
Waterfall Hld n/p (75)	6	- 1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Nat West .... 825p (+41½p)
MAID .... 157p (+7½p)
Forth Ports .... 575p (+20p)
Lloyds TSB .... 628p (+18½p)
Next .... 700½p (+18p)
Ryl Bk Scot .... 598p (+15p)
Carpetright .... 476p (+10p)
Halifax .... 760½p (+11p)
ICI .... 816½p (+9p)
Stand Chart .... 912½p (+38½p)
Cable & Wire .... 585½p (+26½p)
Telspec .... 265p (+7½p)
Cater Allen .... 557½p (+15p)
GUS .... 662½p (+15½p)

FALLS:
Vero .... 99½p (-22p)
C'try Casuals .... 113½p (-12p)
UNO .... 262p (-23p)
First Leisure .... 315p (-21p)
Cohen (A) .... 305p (-20p)
Flying Flw Uts .... 328½p (-17p)
AEA Tech .... 435p (-17p)
Greencore .... 295p (-10p)
Compass Gp .... 680p (-22p)
Br Polythene .... 554p (-16p)
Chiroscience .... 250p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Budget halts the bulls

THE bull market is beginning to look like a long distance runner approaching the finishing tape. Still upright, but gasping for breath, he occasionally stumbles over a tree root or slips on wet grass only to accelerate in spurts as he notices the runner behind him. In the case of the London stock market, investors have become so cavalier that meltdowns on Wall Street are now shrugged off like a summer shower. Yet, the finishing tape is beginning to look suspiciously like the July budget, an event which could shatter hopes.

Some of the rumours, such as 7 per cent stamp duty look too absurd, but a watered down measure, such as stamp duty doubled or tripled, would be significant. Taking into account transaction costs of almost 2 per cent property owners might see a 5 per cent fall in the value of their asset. The budget holds more certain worries — the utility tax and a reduction in the dividend tax credit. Confident investors insist that these are already factored in to share prices but no one knows the impact of losing the tax credit.

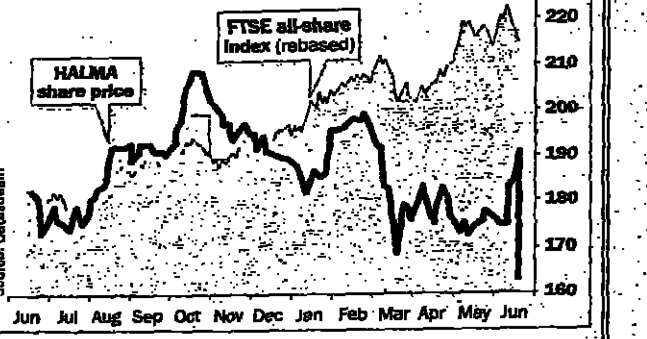
Anyone still feeling the urge to buy should have a look at what is driving this market forward. The strong stocks have been remarkably defensive sectors such as blue chip banks and financial companies which have caused the FTSE 100 to race ahead of the Mid 250 stocks. The latter comprise more cyclical industries: companies that make things have not done well over the past year, crippled by a strong currency and a Chancellor who sees no need to offer them relief. This budget will offer them little relief; anyone heavily invested might consider a put option on the market.

Halma

HAS Halma's locomotive run out of steam? Even yesterday the company was boasting that earnings per share had grown by an annual compound rate of 24 per cent since 1972, when the current management took control. Such statistics are not enough to silence those who see flat operating profits and wonder whether the acquisitive Halma has moved into lower gear.

A strike by lift technicians in New York had a disproportionate impact on profits, but the big headache is currency. The group lost £1 million from the strengthening pound. A third of its sales are exports from the UK, and hardest hit was Apollo, maker of commercial fire detection equipment. Halma insists that volumes were not hit, only revenues as powerful customers insisted that it maintain its dollar and mark prices. Halma reckons that new and lower-cost products will help to maintain margins, but it will have its work cut out if the pound continues to flirt with DM2.90.

This setback puts unusual pressure on Halma to deliver good earnings growth in the current year, and the temptation will be to buy in profits. The company has net funds in the bank and generates more cash than it can use, but, with a return on capital of 40 per cent, its balance sheet looks inefficient. Halma is looking cheap after yesterday's slide, but if it fails to restore its growth rate, it could do worse than buy its shares.



Digital TV

CARLTON and Granada see a huge market for digital television in terrestrial form (DTT). Three quarters of the population do not yet subscribe to satellite or cable TV. So, they argue, the market is enormous. Or is it?

The two ITV companies believe that households have resisted the cable and satellite multichannel offerings because of inertia: people cannot be bothered to buy a satellite dish or run a cable through the living room. DTT's advantages are defined in the negative: "No dish. No cable."

If this is the level of their market research they are in trouble. Could the the non-believers have rejected multichannel TV simply because they do want more than two BBC and three commercial channels? Moreover, if they suddenly want more channels, why choose DTT over satellite and cable? Currently, DTT can only offer some 30 channels against the several hundred shortly to arrive on digital satellite and cable. The latter two media will make near-video-on-demand possible, allowing couch potatoes to dispense with video rentals.

DTT could in the end make money for Granada and Carlton but the case has yet to be made and it is unlikely to be a goldmine. Satellite and cable still have the best claim for dominance.

First Leisure

MICHAEL GRADE, trademark cigar in hand, appeared relaxed and confident yesterday but the story he had to tell failed to live up to the excitement his arrival at First Leisure caused at the beginning of the year.

Other bingo operators have overcome the effects of the National Lottery, but First Leisure's bingo division reported a horrendous 25 per cent dip in first-half like-for-like sales. Drastic surgery is under way but investors would have preferred an early exit. Bingo — along with smaller businesses such as marinas and theatres (both joint ventures) — is probably a management distraction at a time when the core business is still in need of attention.

Instead, Mr Grade talked about new leisure concepts with the occasional acquisition for good measure. In other words, further diversification rather than the hoped-for concentration on the core business.

Investors should be grateful that he has no plans to plough their cash into TV or films.

At current trading levels, the company should report a flat second half and it could be a while before Mr Grade does for First Leisure what he did for Channel 4. Existing shareholders will want to hang on for the trip but be prepared for a bumpy ride.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	1132-1131	Sep	1198-1194
Sep	1147-1146	Dec	1202-1201
Dec	1147-1145	Mar	1214-1210
Mar	1160-1159	May	1225-1215
May	1165-1170		
Jul	1182-1180	Volume:	[illegible]

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1791 BID	Mar	1760 SLR
Sep	1810 BID	May	1760 SLR
Nov	1800-1795	Jul	unq
Jan	1765-1760	Volume:	[illegible]

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	[illegible]
Spot	[illegible]	May	[illegible]
Mar	[illegible]	Aug	[illegible]
Oct	[illegible]	Oct	[illegible]
Dec	[illegible]	Volume	[illegible]

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eng & Wales	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scotland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.60	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.80	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Sep)	17.95	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.00	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.15	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	188 (-1)	190 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	161 (+3)	162 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	90 (n/c)	93 (n/c)
Naphtha	173 (-1)	176 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jul	160.25-60.50	Oct	167.00-67.25
Aug	162.25-62.50	Nov	169.00-69.25
Sep	164.25-64.75		Vol: [illegible]

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	17.79-17.81	Oct	18.25-18.29
Aug	17.97-17.99	Nov	18.32 BID
Sep	18.12-18.16		Vol: [illegible]

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	78.50	Sep	80.00
Sep	83.30	Nov	83.60
Nov	86.30	Jan	85.60
Jan	88.30	Mar	87.60
Mar	90.40	May	89.10
Volume:	321	Volume:	13

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	35.0
Mar		63.0
Apr	66.0	68.0
		Volume: 44

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Jul 67.75-68.25

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 97	1205	1200	1205
Aug 97	1185	1155	1190
Oct 97	1361	1361	1361
Jan 98	1385	1365	1365
Vol: [illegible]		Open interest [illegible]	
	Index [illegible]		

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lead ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	764375
Tin ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nickel ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

LIFFE OPTIONS

[illegible]

FT-SE INDEX

[illegible]

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Jun 97	113-10	113-25	113-10	113-30	149
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 97	113-03	113-30	112-25	113-17	81888
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 97	101.18	101.23	101.10	101.04	211724
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	100.30	100.72	100.30	100.71	2619
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 97	133.45	134.22	133.17	134.00	84497
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97				106.57	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	124.41	124.54	124.34	124.53	2772
	Dec 97	123.84	123.87	123.81	123.87	140
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.96	92.96	92.92	92.90	21858
	Dec 97	92.76	92.77	92.71	92.76	38568
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Mar 98	92.63	92.66	92.56	92.64	30324
Three Mth Euromark	Sep 97	96.82	96.83	96.81	96.83	12944
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	96.70	96.73	96.70	96.72	18317
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 97	93.51	93.53	93.47	93.50	31844
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	93.89	93.92	93.84	93.91	20723
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97	99.15	99.15	99.15	99.15	500
	Mar 98				[illegible]	0
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 97	98.50	98.51	98.52	98.53	4412
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	98.41	98.41	98.36	98.37	4190
Three Mth ECU	Sep 97	95.83	95.84	95.83	95.82	912
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	95.77	95.80	95.76	95.78	241
FTSE 100	Sep 97	4558.0	4632.0	4545.0	4626.0	13742
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	4676.0	4676.0	4676.0	4680.0	50

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks [illegible] Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O'night high: [illegible] Low [illegible] Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]; Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open [illegible], close [illegible]					
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	7	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.59	n/a	5.65	5.76	6.00
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $339.75-340.05 Close: $337.90-338.40 High: $339.75-340.25
Low: $337.90-338.90 AM: $338.65 PM: $339.35

Krugerrand: [illegible]

Platinum: $414.00 (£248.45) Silver: $4.78 ([illegible]) Palladium: $194.50 ([illegible])

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	[illegible]	3.2300-3.2333	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	59.237-59.410	59.237-59.268	20-14pr	[illegible]
Copenhagen	10.934-10.964	10.934-10.963	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	2.8706-2.8777	2.8706-2.8734	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	290.94-291.74	290.94-290.25	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	242.37-243.10	242.37-242.66	33-23pr	[illegible]
Milan	2801.7-2810.8	2804.7-2809.5	par-1dis	[illegible]
Montreal	2.3116-2.3183	2.3163-2.3183	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	1.6650-1.6686	1.6656-1.6664	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	12.060-12.107	12.063-12.074	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	9.6910-9.7160	9.6930-9.7004	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	12.843-12.902	12.844-12.903	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	191.10-191.52	191.21-191.40	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	20.201-20.251	20.201-20.220	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.3835-2.3902	2.3835-2.3860	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel Premium = pr Discount = ds

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3305-1.3315
Austria	12.12-12.13
Belgium (Com)	35.55-35.56
Canada	1.3900-1.3905
Denmark	6.5620-6.5640
France	5.8165-5.8185
Germany	1.7228-1.7238
Hong Kong	7.7445-7.7455
Ireland	1.5130-1.5150
Italy	1682.12-1685.12
Japan	114.79-114.84
Malaysia	2.5205-2.5215
Netherlands	1.9398-1.9403
Norway	7.2434-7.3508
Portugal	174.11-174.21
Singapore	1.4285-1.4295
Spain	145.44-145.54
Sweden	1.7136-1.7211
Switzerland	1.4360-1.4370

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6650-1.6677
Australia dollar	2.2163-2.2191
Bahrain dinar	0.6225-0.6345
Brazil real*	1.7923-1.7968
China yuan	13.670-13.970
Cyprus pound	0.8435-0.8535
Finland markka	8.5125-8.6285
Greece drachma	448.75-455.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.9008-12.9102
India rupee	59.23-60.19
Indonesia rupiah	[illegible]
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4990-0.5090
Malaysia ringgit	4.1978-4.2020
New Zealand dollar	2.4347-2.4370
Pakistan rupee	66.85 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0075-6.1315
Singapore dollar	2.3790-2.3827
S Africa rand (com)	7.4510-7.5530
U A E dirham	6.0825-6.1905

Barclays Bank GTS * *Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	2,000	Land Secs	415
ASDA Gp	3,300	Legal & Gn	2,000
Abbey Ntl	6,000	Lloyds TSB	14,000
Allied Dom	2,400	LucasVarity	2,300
AB Foods	2,300	Marks Spr	4,200
BAA	4,200	Mercury Ast	703
BAT Inds	8,500	NatWst Bk	12,400
BG	7,700	Nat Grid	1,500
BOC	556	Nat Power	5,200
BP	11,900	Next	1,500
BSkyB	18,400	Orange	1,700
BTR	10,500	P & O	2,400
BT	13,600	Pearson	644
Bk of Scot	8,600	PowerGen	2,000
Barclays	4,800	Prudential	3,700
Bass	2,500	RMC	1,100
Blue Circle	1,400	Railtrack	545
Boots	2,400	Rank Group	4,100
BAe	1,000	Reckitt Col	1,100
BA	3,000	Reed Intl	3,500
British Land	847	Rentokil	3,000
Brit Steel	6,200	Reuters	6,100
Burmah Cstl	942	Rio Tinto	5,300
Burton	9,000	Rolls Royce	7,700
Cable Wire	11,200	Royal & Sun	3,500
Cadbury	3,100	Royal Bk Sct	4,800
Carlton Cms	4,400	Safeway	2,700
Centrica	10,300	Sainsbury	3,200
Cm Union	2,000	Schroders	104
Dixons	2,000	Scot & New	1,300
EMI	1,300	Scot Power	1,700
Energy Gp	1,000	Svrn Trent	660
Enterpr Oil	263	Shell Trans	3,900
GKN	510	Siebe	4,000
GRE	3,500	SmKl Bch	4,300
GUS	1,100	Smith Nph	2,700
Gen Acc	287	Smiths Inds	1,500
Gen Elec	6,300	Std Chartd	5,200
Glaxo Well	4,100	TI Gp	227
Granada	4,000	Tate & Lyle	1,000
Grand Met	12,300	Tesco	3,300
Guinness	4,900	Thames W	1,100
HSBC	2,400	Tomkins	2,900
Hanson	678	Unilever	2,300
Hays	1,100	Utd Utilities	1,900
ICI	12,700	Utd News	638
Imp Tob	1,100	Vodafone	4,600
Kingfisher	1,600	Whitbread	668
LASMO	3,700	Wolseley	2,400
Ladbroke	1,800	Zeneca	2,000

WALL STREET

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AMP Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
AT & T	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abbott Labs	66	[illegible]
Advanced Micro	[illegible]	37
Aetna Life	[illegible]	107
Ahmanson (HF)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Air Prod & Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
AirTouch Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Albertson's	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Aluminum	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Signal	[illegible]	82
Alum Co of Am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer El Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Genl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Home Pr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Ameritech	70	[illegible]
Amgen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amoco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Andrew Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anheuser Busch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Apple Computer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Archer Daniels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco	[illegible]	4
Armstrong Wrld	[illegible]	73
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Auto Data Pro	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avery Dennison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baker Hughes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baltim Gas & El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Banc One	[illegible]	[illegible]
BankAmerica	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tr NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barnett Banks	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bausch & Lomb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baxter Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Becton Dicknsn	51	[illegible]
Bell Atlantic	[illegible]	[illegible]
BellSouth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Black & Decker	[illegible]	[illegible]
Block (H&R)	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
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CSX	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Carolina Pwr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Case Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central & SW	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Colgate-Palm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
ColumbiaHCA	[illegible]	41
Compaq Comp	114	106
Comp Ass Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
ConAgra	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Donnelley (RR)	37	[illegible]
Dover Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chemical	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Jones	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	47	[illegible]
Dun & Bradstreet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Edison Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Elect Data Sys	43	[illegible]
Emerson Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Engelhard Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Enron Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Entergy	[illegible]	27
Ethyl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon	[illegible]	[illegible]
FMC Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
FPL Group	[illegible]	[illegible]
Federal Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fifth Third Banc	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Bk Sys	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fleet Finl Grp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fluor Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fortune Brands	[illegible]	36
GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gannett	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gap Inc Del	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Mills	[illegible]	64
Gen Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Reinsurance	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Signal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genuine Parts	34	[illegible]
Georgia Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glaxo Wells ADR	[illegible]	41
Goodrich (BF)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodyear Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grt Atl Pac Tea	[illegible]	[illegible]
Great Wstn Fin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Halliburton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harcourt General	48	[illegible]
Heinz (HJ)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hershey Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hewlett Packard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hilton Hotels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Home Depot	[illegible]	[illegible]
Homestake Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Household Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Houston Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Humana	[illegible]	[illegible]
ITT Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Illinois Tool	[illegible]	[illegible]
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IBM	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Intl Paper	[illegible]	49
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Kellogg	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kerr McGee	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kimberly-Clark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kmart	[illegible]	12
Knight-Ridder	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lilly (Eli)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Limited Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lincoln Nat	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Liz Claiborne	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Louisiana Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Marsh & McLen	[illegible]	144
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Merrill Lynch	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Nynex Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occidental Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ohio Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oracle	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Oryx Energy Co	20	[illegible]
Owens Corning	[illegible]	[illegible]
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PMI Group	[illegible]	59
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PP&L Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paccar Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Peco Energy	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penney (JC)	52	[illegible]
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Pepsico	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfizer	[illegible]	111
Pharm & Upjhn	35	[illegible]
Phelps Dodge	84	[illegible]
Philip Morris	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Pitney Bowes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Procter & Gmbl	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Reynolds Metals	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Salomon Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	40	[illegible]
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Snap-On-Tools	[illegible]	[illegible]
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TRW Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Tandy Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Temple Inland	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenet Healthcare	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Time Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Times-Mirror A	[illegible]	[illegible]
Timken	[illegible]	[illegible]
Torchmark	[illegible]	71
Toys R Us	[illegible]	[illegible]
Transamerica	[illegible]	[illegible]
Travelers	[illegible]	[illegible]
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US Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
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US West Media	21	[illegible]
USAirways Group	[illegible]	[illegible]
USX Marathon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unicom	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever NV	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Camp	[illegible]	[illegible]
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United Tech	[illegible]	[illegible]
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VF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Weyerhaeuser	[illegible]	[illegible]
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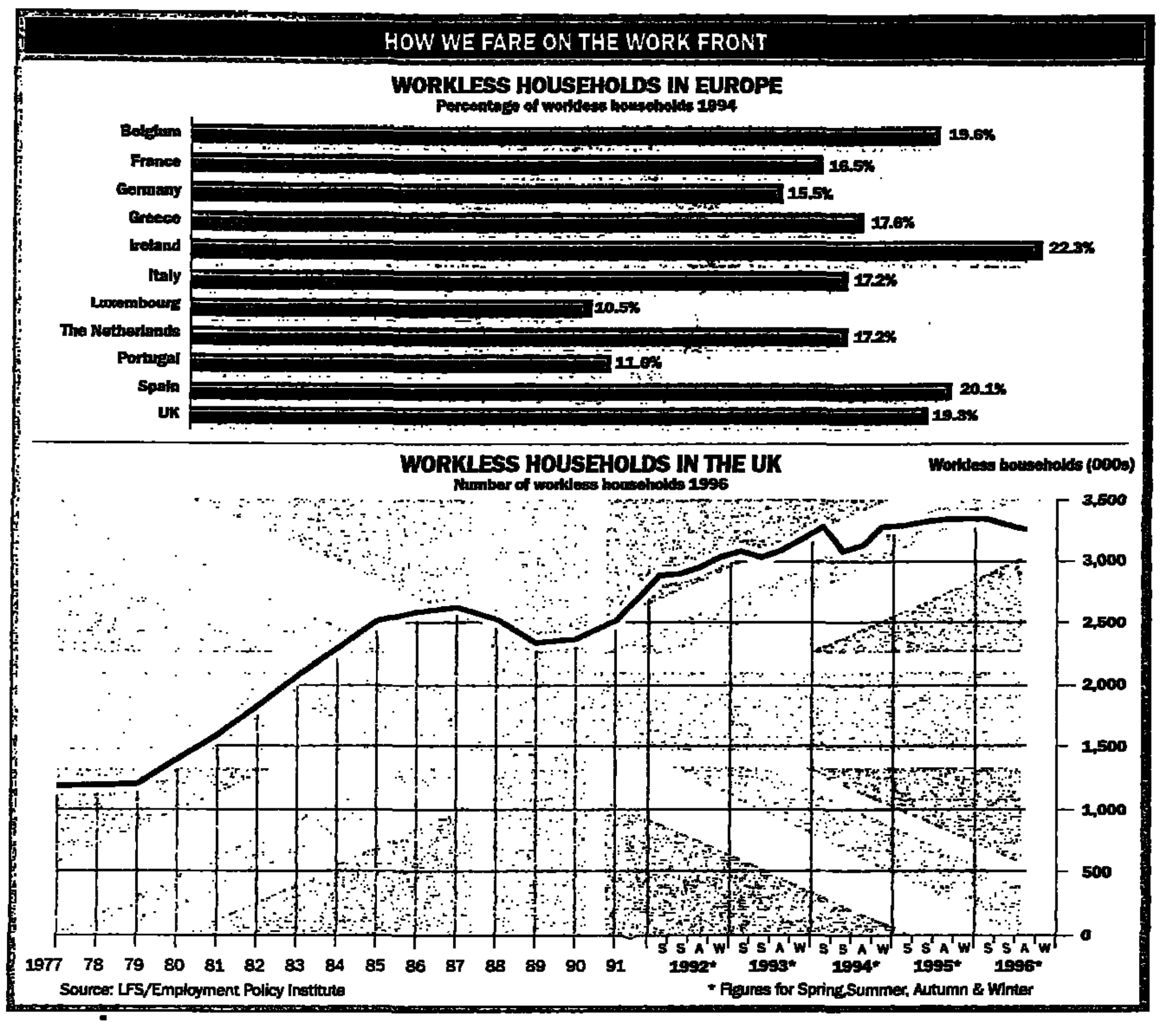
Whitman	[illegible]	[illegible]
Winn Dixie	[illegible]	[illegible]
Witco Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	[illegible]	64
Xerox	75	[illegible]
Zenith Elect	12	[illegible]

هدية من الاصل

Brighton's plight highlights darker side of buoyant Britain

Philip Bassett on the tough task ahead for Labour's employment programme



Source: LFS/Employment Policy Institute

* Figures for Spring, Summer, Autumn & Winter

Ferret belies his nickname. A huge man, bronzed, naked to the waist, a giant eagle tattooed across his back, bandana, military fatigues, combat boots, bushy moustache, unshaven: he is a homeless Rambo, an unemployed beggar. "I don't work," he says. "But I don't do welfare either."

Lee, sitting with him, could hardly be more different. Slight, nervous, gaunt, he has held kitchen porter jobs but, like many people in this day centre for the homeless and unemployed in Brighton, he has a history of mental illness. "Yep. I'd like a job again," he says, but without much conviction or hope.

Around 30 unemployed men sip tea, filling in the daylight hours, as far from the activity of Downing Street as seems possible. Yet today they will be connected. At a breakfast meeting, Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and David Blunkett, Education and Employment Secretary, will ask business executives to help with their welfare-to-work programme, the centrepiece of next week's Budget. Help in the most direct way: by offering jobs.

The Budget's key measure will be a windfall tax on privatised utilities, raising up to £5 billion. It is intended to fund a programme to get 250,000 unemployed young people, and an unspecified number of the long-term unemployed, into jobs.

"I think the welfare-to-work programme will be a great help," says Jenny Backwell. She hopes so, at least. She runs the First Base day centre in Brighton. Just round the corner from the groaning shelves of the town's Waitrose supermarket, the centre offers free tea, bread and porridge in the morning, free showers, cheap laundry facilities, access to a GP and advice on benefits. A notice says drugs and weapons must not be brought in.

For many, getting off benefit and into work seems an impossible dream. For some, like Ferret, it's not even that. "I have worked, about ten years ago," he says, "but I was worse off than when I was on the dole."

Ferret doesn't work or claim benefit because the Child Support Agency would be at him for money to support his four children. Currently sleeping under a boat on Brighton beach, he is off the social system's radar. He says: "I can beg up to £23 a day here — enough for food and lager."

Brighton is used to politicians: it will host Labour's victory conference in the autumn. It is blowsy, cosmopolitan, naughty, and much of it is rich. But it has a darker side.

Homelessness is the UK's worst per head of population. Crime, drug and housing problems are rife. Jobs have been cut in financial services where American Express is a big local employer. Low-paid, low-security jobs in hotels and catering help to create an underclass.

John Packman, head of economic development at Brighton and Hove council, points out that at 11.5 per cent, unemployment is higher than in Newcastle or Glasgow.

On the Whitehawk estate, things are worse. Hunched down in a valley below Brighton racecourse is Whitehawk Bottom, where the teenage thug Pinkie fled after being razored in Graham Greene's *Brighton Rock*. The Whitehawk is a tally of social deprivation. A sink estate of the 1930s, it was rebuilt in the early 1980s and now has all the new social problems of the 1990s: drugs, gangs, a high proportion of single mothers, the UK's second-highest child abuse figures and unemployment officially tallied at 35 per cent.

Sue Barnes, organiser for young people's activities on the Whitehawk, says: "There are no jobs for people here. We've got third-generation unemployment on the Whitehawk; grandfathers, fathers and young people with no work." PC Paul Gossland, the community police officer, is passionate about education, training and work to break the cycle of deprivation and crime. "If the cycle gets broken, it makes my work easier." Does he find his work tough? "Yes, but at least I get paid. That's more than most do here."

Paul Agius is trying as a single parent to bring up his nine-year-old daughter. "I have been out of work for five years," he says. Now he's parking cars for a living, trying to stay off benefit. There are jobs at the marina, in shops, restaurants, a new Virgin cinema. Lynn, struggling to bring up her own children, says the hours make taking such jobs difficult — and dangerous if your have to get back to the estate at night when the gangs are out.

Libby Coleman, head teacher at the Stanley Deason comprehensive, has few illusions. The two previous heads left on grounds of stress-related ill-health. She details day-to-day stories of horror, misery and deprivation: an 11-year-old absent because he was taken to Amsterdam to be a child prostitute; a stepfather and 17-year-old daughter dying of a heroin overdose on the same weekend; truants attacking a baby being carried by its mother in a local park.

The school is under Ofsted *special measures*, largely because of "shocking" attendance problems. Yet Libby Coleman is inspirationally optimistic. Long-term unemployment, she says, is a more significant factor than almost anyone in work can understand. Pupils dream of working for Amex.

Today companies such as Ford, Boots, Marks & Spencer, Rover, Asda, BT and British Steel will be asked by the Chancellor to help with precisely these kind of problems.

Business leaders visiting Stanley Deason, the Whitehawk and First Base and more last week under a programme run by the Prince of Wales's Business in the Community, are already doing so, pledging direct aid like surplus computer equipment, industrial washing machines and phone services.

They were shocked by what they saw in Brighton. "It takes you out of your own world," says Bob Mason, personnel director in BT's personal communications division. "It puts you in an environment you don't understand."

The Prince's Trust will be closely involved in delivering the Government's welfare-to-work programme on the ground. Business in the Community will meet Treasury officials the day before the Budget to discuss implementation ideas.

Research for the Employment Policy Institute shows that unemployment has hit hardest among the worst-off because the number of households with no one in paid work has grown disproportionately. And 52 per cent of people on previous government schemes go back to non-employment.

Ministers now want to back practical help and support programmes from business to give people a hand back up and back in to society. Ferret, Lee and those like them may be down. The Government's welfare-to-work plans in the Budget will try to ensure they are not permanently out as well.

ANTHONY HARRIS

Time to hit the fatter cats on the home front

Gordon Brown is reported to be racking his brains for a fat cat tax that would be consistent with his pre-election promises; but now relief is offered from Oxford. John Muellbauer, a distinguished Nuffield College economist, has proposed a beautifully *simple change that would* match what Labour said in opposition and yet reflect best practice in the US, Canada and other non-socialist countries.

Better still, it would not only collect quite a lot of revenue from the rich, yet would have no effect at all on work incentives; and it would damp down house price inflation as soon as it was announced.

The name of this miracle cure: a reform — basically, an uncapping — of council tax. This tax, in case you had forgotten, masquerades as a levy based on house values, which is a fair principle; but it is in fact based on a crude caricature of house values, divided into a few broad bands, and is extremely regressive in practice. The occupant of a £1 million house (and it is easy to find much higher prices in London) pays only twice as much tax as someone in a £70,000 house (hard to find in parts of the South East), though his income is likely to be at least ten times as high.

This ludicrous system, which was widely denounced when it was first brought in to replace Mrs Thatcher's poll tax, is not only socially unjust, but is also a great waste of potential revenue.

Local authorities collect only a third of what they received under the old rate system. Result: a huge extra burden on national taxes, and the destruction of local democracy.

Yet proper value-based systems have been maintained, with only routine grumbling, in such far from revolutionary places as Canada, South Africa, and many (though not all) US states. A reform is simple common sense, and long overdue; for a government in a self-*imposed fiscal straitjacket, it* ought to be top of the agenda.

Muellbauer first proposed this blindingly simple idea in an article in *The Observer* a few weeks ago; in the light of a heavy reader response, he has now refined it. The main features of Muellbauer Mark II are as follows:

☐ Council tax should be based on current values, *either with a full valuation* every two years, or less frequent surveys with indexation to fill the gaps.

☐ Banding might be retained for simplicity: but there should be far more than the present eight valuation bands, with a ceiling, if any, far above the £320,000 of the 1991 tax.

☐ The fiscal freedom of local authorities could be restricted by imposing a floor and a ceiling rate for the tax — say, between 0.6 and 1 per cent of valuation. This would limit the freedom of rich authorities such as Westminster to "reward" their already rich taxpayers by levying the lowest rate in the country.

☐ The first call on the higher revenue that should result should be on cutting the rate suport grant correspondingly, easing pressure on the national budget.

☐ A realistic tax would be a heavy burden on old people who choose to end their days in highly valued houses. (NB: this is why the tax is essentially voluntary.) They could be offered the British Columbia alternative: the charge to be left as a claim, with accrued interest, on the property itself, to be settled when the property is finally sold or handed down. These claims could readily be sold by needy local authorities.

Such a radical reform could hardly be announced, fully fledged, next week; but even if Gordon Brown only said that a reform was under study, the effect on house prices would be instant. This would damp down the most buoyant component of the inflation that worries the Bank of England at the moment. And Muellbauer has another short in his locker: an increase in stamp duty, possibly only *temporary*.

Memo: is the Chancellor of the Exchequer looking for a Wise Man?

Americans step into UK shoes

Sarah Cunningham on a US footwear retailer's upmarket aim in Britain

At the heart of the huge difficulties of Sears lies the inability of management to get to grips with the retail giant's shoe business. Yesterday's annual meeting was told of yet another *fall in sales at Shoe Express, heading for* another big loss in the first half.

And just when Britain's shoe retailers think the worst is over, a new threat emerges: the Americans are coming.

Nine West, the expansion-minded US shoe company, has recently bought two British shoe retailers and picked a highly respected manager to run its UK operation. It plans to open dozens of shops and department store concessions in Britain in the next five years.

The American company bought the high-fashion shoe chain, Pied A Terre, which had gone into administration, *earlier this year. Last month it added* Shoe Studio to its collection.

Shoe Studio is run by David Spitz, who will head Nine West's UK activities. *Shoe Studio has more than 100 department store concessions in the UK,* and a few Bertie fashion shoe shops.

Industry insiders see the combination of Spitz's proven retailing skills and Nine West's financial muscle as formidable.

Spitz, 55, is from a well-known retailing family in South Africa. He moved to Britain in 1977 and worked for more than 20 years for Carvela Kurt Geiger, building up the Carvela brand. At the start of this decade, he joined Shoe Studio, then a tiny business that had just bought Bertie from British Shoe Corporation, the Sears subsidiary.

Since then — "throughout the recession", as Spitz points out — it has grown *steadily. It added Rayne and its Chelsea* Cobbler brand to its roster after that business became insolvent in 1993, and has two other brands, Roberto Vianni *and Vivaldi, which it sells through its* department store concessions.

Nine West plans to expand not just Pied A Terre, Bertie and Shoe Studio, but also to open, within five years, up to 30 branches of its upmarket Nine West stores and 30 of its Easy Spirit "comfort shoes" stores. The first two Nine Wests are to open this month in London, at Hampstead and South Molton Street. A flagship store in Covent Garden is planned for November.

Nine West's confidence in the UK is based on changes in Britain's shoe market in the past decade. Cheaper women's shoes are now available from many clothing retailers, such as Marks & Spencer, Next and River Island, which, between them, now hold a big slice of the market. The rise of trainers and the development of department store concessions have also meant that traditional specialists, such as Clarks and BSC, which once ran a dozen chains, including Freeman Hardy Willis, Dolcis and Saxone, have had a tough time. BSC has had special problems, with frequent management upheavals and changes of direction; it is now under *David James, a company doctor, who* may sell, shut or merge any of its remaining brands.

Nine West aims to concentrate on concessions and upmarket boutiques, letting others fight over the more difficult mass market. Although Nine West is mooted as a buyer of one or other of BSC's four remaining chains — Shoe Express, Shoe City, Dolcis and Cable & Co — Spitz thinks it unlikely. "We have enough on our hands," he says.

The Nine West group has about 1,000 US stores and has begun expanding in Canada and Asia. William Levich, president, says: "Shoe Studio will give us good backroom operations and a chance to operate more efficiently." Sourcing shoes from Brazil should help to keep prices competitive and Shoe Studio can teach the group about selling through concessions, he says.

Getting the bird

THE bird of doom fluttered ominously through Guildhall yesterday, as the archaic electoral practices of the Corporation of London came in for fresh attack. The feathered intruder — a blackbird — took to swooping about the Great Hall in view of the 1,000 or so liverymen there for the election of the City of London's Sheriffs. Malcolm Matson, blackballed by the Aldermen nearly three years ago, questioned the system under which one of them can hold office for 25 years or more without having to go back to the electorate. The biggest applause came for Dennis Delderfield, the wilfully unsuccessful third candidate who requested no one vote for him, and his reference to the "secret Aldermanic star chamber".

The Lord Mayor, Sir Roger Cork, said the whole issue was up for review, and added: "The present electoral arrangements cannot be defended and must be changed." Yes, but when? David Howard of Charles Stanley, the private client stockbroker, and Michael Oliver, a director of Hill Samuel Asset Management, were duly approved as Sheriffs. No surprise there.

Malcolm Matson: called into question practice of indefinite tenure

● *THE photographers are lined up at Vendôme yesterday to snap away at Joseph Kanoui, the chairman, holding a £4 million jewelled necklace. It arrives from Cartier, which is owned by Vendôme, in a red box accompanied by some heavy muscle. The red box is opened, and there is an awful fuss. The necklace is destined for some film or other, it must not be seen by the outside world — it is "not relevant". It is, in short, the wrong necklace. Muscle departs with box. Just how many £4 million necklaces do you have around there, then?*

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

System down

DABBLE too long in the black arts of the computer and you become not as other mortals, it seems.

Six months ago Gary Caesar, 46, was a buyout specialist not long quit as head of the Bank of Tokyo's European merchant banking. Now he has become involved in an Internet venture called Global Enter-Prize with, of all people, Christian Moore, 25-year-old son of Roger Moore, the actor.

"I'm the grey hair — I'm the one that didn't understand what a computer was until six months ago," he says. He is also the main investor. That six months was spent immersing himself in computer lore. It is when he tries to explain to me what his company does that I realise he has gone native, and no communication is now possible between us. I still have absolutely no idea. Something to do with giving prizes in return for attracting viewers to corporate websites? He sighs. "I, too, used to be one of those middle-aged corporate Luddites."

● *SAY it with flowers, perhaps. Those brutal City sackings — black bin-bag, clear your desk, leave the premises while your name goes out over the tannoy — may be a thing of the past, according to legal opinion.*

Ronnie Fox, of Fox Williams, who negotiates pay-offs for departing executives, has been examining the case of the two former Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) employees who are claiming that working for the failed bank has damaged their career prospects. Fox thinks employees who are given the chop in humiliating circumstances may be entitled to extra compensation. Fox says: "This is a cautionary tale for employers. There are certain kinds of conduct that are no longer applicable."

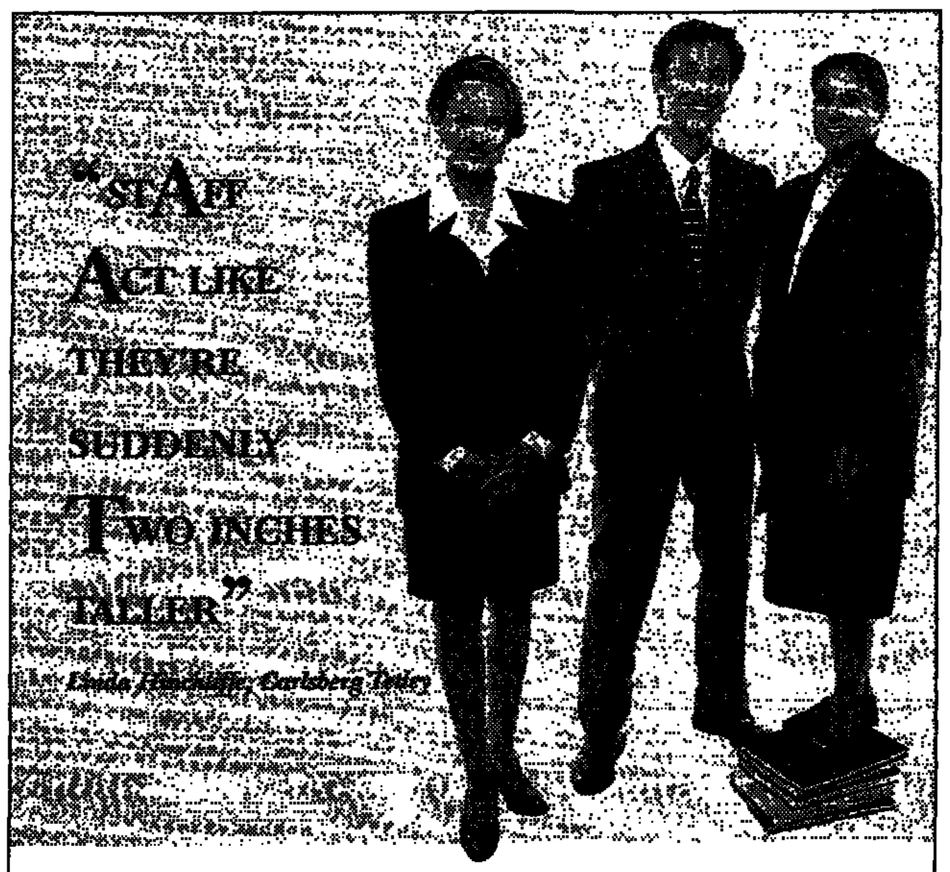
Hart beat

MICHAEL HART, one of the best known men in fund management, might be with us for a bit longer yet, it seems. He was set to retire from Foreign & Colonial at Christmas after 40 years with the firm, but he has been drafted in as the new director general of the Association of Investment Trust Companies.

This is, interestingly, a open-ended contract with no time limit — his predecessor was there for four and a half years. Hart will be 65 when he takes it up next January and sees it as approaching a full-time job. "I expect to be up in the City every day," he says. He is not sure how many years he will stay. "That depends on the chairman of the AITC. I think we will see how it goes."

MARTIN WALLER

"This is William. He's the black sheep of the family. He went into pensions advice"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American Growth	456.30	487.70	-16.30	0.34
Asian Pacific	338.00	361.50	- 5.00	0.38
Assets & Earnings	318.80	341.00†	- 1.10	2.74
Euro Capital Acc	224.60	240.20	- 2.20	0.83
Extra Inc	43.38	46.15†	+ 0.06	8.52
General	293.90	312.70	- 0.80	2.94
Global Opps	79.70	84.79	- 0.87	0.47
Japan	105.80	111.00	- 1.08	
Managed Inc	50.31	53.52†	- 0.10	4.20
Mastertrust	185.20	198.10	- 1.30	1.12
US Emerging Cos	187.30	200.20	- 4.10	
Ethical	83.69	89.03†	- 0.22	2.08
International	148.70	158.20	- 1.90	0.55
Dividend & Growth	75.07	79.86	- 0.05	4.21
Global Grth & Sec	76.84	82.03	.	2.48
Latin America	92.15	98.03	- 0.71	0.40
Capital Reserve	149.20	149.30		4.68
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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N&P UK Growth	101.60	108.00	+ 0.40	2.09
Equity Income	143.10	152.20	+ 0.80	3.97
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Smaller Cos	105.70	112.40	- 1.10	1.57
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Emerging Mkts	80.11	83.42	- 1.31	0.11
European	165.96	173.83	- 1.13	
Extra Income #	52.46	55.21†	+ 0.16	5.55
Far East Emg Eco	129.72	136.18	- 1.30	0.60
Fixed Interest #	26.44	27.50†	- 0.15	8.52
Fund Inv Tst #	169.18	177.51	- 0.93	0.74
Japan	180.80	187.85	- 0.57	
Latin American	77.41	80.98	- 0.74	1.73
Pacific	82.91	87.03	- 0.63	0.31
Property Share	82.30	86.38	- 0.43	2.00
UK Emerging Cos	69.88	74.43	- 0.64	1.53
UK Growth	61.61	64.16	+ 0.23	1.89
Amer World Port #	87.74	92.34†	- 0.34	2.58
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Capital	559.60	598.30	- 0.10	1.05
Balanced	929.50	993.60†	+ 2.30	2.45
Accumulator	1806.00	1930.00	+ 4.00	1.62
Income Trusts				
American Income	74.25	79.180	- 0.84	2.05
High Income	519.50	555.20	+ 1.30	3.84
Equity Income	294.10	314.70	+ 0.70	3.53
High Yield	312.40	333.90	+ 1.10	3.79
Govt Securities	35.46	37.440	+ 0.07	5.54
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Amer Spec Sits	249.50	266.00	- 3.50	0.04
European Growth	66.61	71.250	+ 0.43	0.06
International	208.00	222.10†	- 0.30	0.10
Japan	191.20	204.30†	+ 0.60	
Pacific	422.80	451.90†	- 1.20	
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Wwide Asset Val	60.03	64.170	- 0.18	0.02
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Smaller Cos	202.70	216.60	- 1.70	1.06
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Recovery	183.30	195.90	+ 0.10	1.23
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Euro Smlr Cos	129.00	137.20	- 0.30	0.31
Income Grwth	389.30	414.20†	+ 0.30	4.20
Japan	325.10	349.30	- 3.00	
Latin American	114.00	121.30†	- 1.10	0.52
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500	498.30	535.80	- 4.30	2.15
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Property	258.40	277.20†		5.45
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Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	101.10	101.10		5.80
Distribution #	118.20	118.70†	- 0.30	5.60
Extra Income #	153.20	163.40	- 0.20	4.50
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.42	62.29†	- 0.12	7.52
Income #	651.30	694.80	- 0.70	4.44
Income Builder #	74.68	79.53	- 0.09	5.06
Intl Income	79.32	84.38†	- 0.99	1.37
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	159.70	169.90	- 0.10	1.96
FTSE 100	116.40	123.60†		2.29
Leisure	179.70	191.70	- 1.10	1.61
Recovery	551.50	588.20	- 0.70	2.12
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Special Sits	456.00	485.10	- 0.30	1.98
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
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F East Grth Acc	317.10	337.30	- 5.30	0.33
Far East Grth	187.80	199.80†	- 3.10	0.33
Euro Grth Inc	220.90	233.70	- 2.00	0.56
-do- Accum	240.70	254.20	- 2.20	0.56
Japan	129.70	137.80	- 0.50	
-do- Accum	131.20	139.40	- 0.50	
Japan Spec Sits	61.80	65.45	- 0.25	
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BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
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Eastern	299.30	321.40	- 4.90	0.20
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German Growth	104.50	110.70	- 0.60	0.50
Global Bond	71.95	75.56	- 0.27	6.20
Global Growth	161.30	171.20	- 2.30	0.40
Japan Growth	183.60	194.70	- 1.90	
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Portfolio	161.30	171.70	- 0.10	2.00
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UK Growth	118.60	127.30†	- 0.30	2.00
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Balanced Growth	162.62	169.45	- 0.18	1.52
-do- Accum	190.39	199.31	- 0.21	1.52
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	178.22†	- 1.19	0.27
Higher Yield #	62.67	65.29	- 0.02	7.92
American Growth	116.00	120.94	- 1.90	
European Growth	190.61	198.76	- 2.16	
-do- Accum	194.89	203.01	- 2.21	
Mixed Pfces Inc	59.56	62.04	- 0.55	1.25
-do- Accum	62.17	64.71	- 0.61	1.25
UK Spec Sits	187.60	195.41	- 2.51	
Pacific Grth	159.59	166.65	- 3.51	
UK General #	110.73	114.82	+ 1.49	2.95
-do- Accum #	121.39	126.45	+ 1.64	2.95
Japan	53.59	55.82	- 0.39	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	103.23	106.93†	- 0.23	7.84
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Europe	196.50	226.60†	- 1.40	1.94
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Gilt & Fxd Int	42.00	44.13	- 0.02	6.16
Growth Units	297.80	307.90	- 1.40	1.90
Bond	181.90	191.30	- 0.20	6.50
Intl Growth	255.00	271.50	- 2.90	0.17
North American	297.50	316.40	- 7.00	0.09
Far East	311.80	333.10†	- 4.70	0.58
UK Smaller Cos	239.90	256.90†	- 2.10	1.12
European	109.40	116.10†	- 0.40	0.43
Japanese Growth	41.91	44.40	- 0.07	.
High Income	245.10	261.80	+ 1.20	2.89
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Smaller Cos (UK)	109.60	116.50	- 1.20	1.56
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Income & Growth #	513.50	546.20	+ 2.20	3.56
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Mdmark Grth	1356.00	1413.00		1.62
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European Portfolio	154.97	164.63		0.43
High Income	53.54	55.67	+ 0.07	7.07
Japanese Portfolio	62.04	66.89†	- 0.15	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	161.28	173.52†	- 2.11	0.75
UK Equity	105.13	112.28	+ 0.30	2.96
UK Equity & Bd	61.71	65.39	+ 0.17	5.43
UK Smlr Cos	52.24	55.88	- 0.52	1.68
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	849.50	862.34	-21.61	4.01
Inv Fd Acc	860.42	873.42	-21.89	
Fxd Int Sec Inc	158.14	158.78	- 1.30	9.01
Fxd Int Sec Acc	161.75	162.38	- 1.34	
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	861.05	874.02	- 5.36	3.86
Investment Acc	4061.18	4122.56	-25.62	
Fixed Int Inc	131.16	131.68	- 0.01	8.81
Fixed Int Acc	249.45	250.49	- 0.03	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	88.98	93.80	.	5.34
Beck Bio-Tech	40.73	44.11†	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	204.10	214.32†		0.45
City Fin Assets	82.61	86.75		1.91
City Fin Intl	95.17	99.94		8.06
Fruts Hse Cap	333.00	354.26	.	2.24
Bucking Wrld Grth	150.42	159.44	.	..
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	62.63	65.77	.	3.25
Shaw Utilities	67.28	68.88†	+ 0.24	5.05
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	62.55	66.37	- 0.49	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Grth	89.64	95.36	- 2.43	.
Dragon Growth	73.64	78.75	- 1.38	0.27
Equity High Inc	101.20	107.06†	+ 0.21	3.58
-do- Accum	149.91	158.63	+ 0.32	3.53
Extra Income Inc	27.70	29.15	- 0.04	6.79
Extra Income Acc	31.37	33.01	- 0.04	6.79
European Grth	76.66	81.12	- 0.29	0.11
Evergreen	32.96	35.25	- 0.35	
General Equity	118.51	125.50	+ 0.31	2.82
Japan Growth	44.57	47.42	- 0.18	.
Pedigree Grth	70.38	74.47	+ 0.05	2.07
Ped Sm Cos Inc	39.04	41.31	- 0.36	1.38
-do- Accum	41.81	44.24	- 0.39	1.38
Retirement Inc #	30.70	32.66		5.84
Special Sits	51.18	56.03	- 0.12	2.70
UK & Overseas	68.29	72.26	- 0.26	0.53
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	76.41	79.59	+ 0.09	3.88
Capital	91.91	95.73	+ 0.15	2.30
High Income	53.98	58.22†	- 0.05	6.58
Top 50	64.62	67.31	+ 0.42	2.39
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	204.50	213.04	+ 0.10	4.53
Long Gilt	46.38	48.27	- 0.02	5.81
Monthly Inc Plus	53.18	55.40	- 0.12	8.09
Preference Share	50.69	52.81	- 0.03	7.38
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	152.24	158.60	+ 0.20	5.65
Managed Fund	82.72	86.18	- 0.17	2.62
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	51.93	54.10	- 0.50	1.57
-do- Accum	62.10	64.69	- 0.60	1.57
UK & General	108.82	113.37	+ 0.29	2.48
-do- Accum	144.26	150.29	+ 0.38	2.48
UK Growth	216.81	225.87	+ 0.41	1.74
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	250.77	261.25	- 0.15	0.51
Far Eastern Grth	137.10	142.83	- 1.52	0.02
Global Bond	73.04	76.09	- 0.40	6.75
Japan Growth	109.06	113.62	+ 0.25	..
North Amer Grth	279.07	290.73	- 7.83	.
Oriental Growth	86.59	90.21	- 1.48	0.26
Worldwide Growth	80.24	83.59	- 0.67	
OTHER CO TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.41	92.41	+ 0.01	5.70
Homemaker Fund	99.44	105.80	+ 0.85	2.04
Quilter Fund	168.74	179.53	- 0.10	2.01
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	38.03	40.80		3.89
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	192.20	204.50	- 0.60	1.62
Income	77.88	82.83	+ 0.15	4.28
European	88.29	93.93	+ 0.26	0.21
Recovery	183.00	194.70	- 2.90	2.44
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 280 9494				
Equity Dist	1131.90	1150.00		3.03
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	113.50	120.70	- 0.60	1.12
Income #	302.50	321.80	+ 0.70	4.28
-do- Accum #	822.80	875.30	+ 2.00	4.28
Smaller Cos	226.20	240.60†	+ 1.80	0.99
-do- Accum	282.60	300.60	+ 2.30	0.99
Gilt Portfolio	107.00	113.80	+ 0.10	1.25
High Inc Port #	89.48	95.17	+ 0.15	4.38
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1808.60	1831.30		
UK Small Cos	2253.20	2345.20		2.93
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	239.20	246.60†		3.14
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	190.80	202.90†	- 0.40	1.59
UK High Inc Inc	199.60	212.30†	- 0.20	3.55
-do- Accum	278.30	296.00†	- 0.20	3.55
UK Pref & F I Inc	60.69	64.44†	- 0.16	5.74
Envrnmntl Opps	112.10	119.20	- 0.10	1.63
UK Smlr Cos #	72.14	76.74	- 0.64	0.88
Extra Income Inc	52.48	55.80	- 0.10	6.09
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
Convertibles #	23.26	24.71†	+ 0.01	5.67
Enterprise	117.10	124.10†	- 0.60	2.01
Equity Income #	153.60	163.20†	+ 1.10	3.92
European	72.88	77.13	+ 0.12	.
Financial	66.06	70.19	+ 0.05	1.42
Growth & Inc #	314.70	334.40	+ 1.70	2.62
High Dist #	194.20	206.30†	+ 1.00	4.12
International	460.50	489.30	- 2.40	0.20
Inl Cap Inc	117.80	125.80	- 0.70	2.15
Latin American	40.54	43.07	- 0.32	
Pacific	86.62	92.03	- 0.80	
Pref High Inc	23.60	25.08	- 0.01	7.18
Tokyo	207.40	219.20	+ 0.60	
UK Smaller Cos	249.30	264.90†	- 2.50	1.13
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
Japan Sm Cos	357.60	378.90	- 1.60	
Nth Amer	490.90	520.00	-11.90	0.56
UK Inc & Grth	280.10	298.80	+ 1.90	2.48
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Digs	125.97	134.73	- 2.39	0.96
Growth Acc	306.90	326.94	+ 7.01	0.59
Income	615.42	655.72	+ 2.47	6.06
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	251.60	267.70		1.04
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	106.76	112.38†		1.49
Ethical Tst	52.25	55.00	- 0.40	0.75
Far Eastern	314.84	331.41	- 0.44	1.51
High Income	154.21	162.33†	+ 0.27	4.58
UK Index Tracking	59.89	63.05	+ 0.19	2.53
Intl Growth	153.87	161.97	- 0.64	[illegible]
North American	171.65	180.68	- 2.73	1.72
Pelican	161.76	170.27	+ 0.25	2.82
Smaller Cos	70.08	73.77†	- 0.64	2.55
Special Sits	95.53	100.56	- 0.69	2.99
Tst of Inv Tsts	235.02	248.02	- 0.59	[illegible]
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	111.16	117.94	- 1.04	
Fd of Inv Tsts	56.83	60.30	- 0.41	0.48
High Income #	40.60	43.05	- 0.29	[illegible]
Wan & Gl Opps	49.61	53.34	- 0.96	
Zero Preference	47.02	49.93†	- 0.30	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	306.30	313.00	- 3.40	2.21
United Charities	337.70	353.90	- 1.70	1.45
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.35
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	26.40	27.37	- 0.14	5.34
Strategic Inc	29.30	29.56†		[illegible]
Income Funds				
High Income	28.59	30.01†	- 0.07	[illegible]
Income Plus	147.50	156.90†		[illegible]
European Income	57.75	61.37	- 0.14	[illegible]
UK Div Grth	35.19	37.42†	+ 0.02	2.47
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	54.82	54.55	- 0.93	
American	366.92	389.90	- 9.60	
Amer Spec Sits	205.70	213.30	- 4.20	
Japan Smaller Cos	26.91	28.63	- 0.11	
European	270.90	288.10	- 0.30	0.47
European Opps	99.32	105.70	- 0.10	0.54
Global Pfs	36.60	38.92	- 0.11	0.42
UK Growth	137.50	146.00†	- 0.60	1.34
Growth & Inc	199.70	212.40†	- 0.10	2.25
Intl PEP	54.39	57.36†	- 0.40	0.54
Japan Spec Sits	79.37	84.05	- 0.25	
Japan	167.50	178.50	- 0.20	
Managed Intl	407.60	433.10	- 5.10	0.62
Moneybuilder	72.25	76.61	- 0.40	
Recovery	69.09	73.75†	- 0.23	1.24
South E Asia	196.80	209.80	- 2.50	0.32
Special Sits	607.40	251.10†	- 2.50	0.53
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	119.11	119.21	+ 0.02	5.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	165.60	167.63		1.55
Fixsbury Pfl Inc #	102.40	103.30†	0.20	6.29
Cap Prsvn	187.40	194.70	- 2.70	0.09
General Opps	156.10	157.40		3.17
Growth Inc	42.14	42.52†	+ 0.20	1.74
Private Portfolio	536.10	540.90		1.18
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 388 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	162.60	173.25	- 1.00	
High Income	23.26	24.67†	0.02	9.12
Japan Smlr Cos	16.89	18.04	- 0.11	
US Smaller Cos	471.10	501.70	- 6.70	
For Fouts & Scotmode see Quilter				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	84.25	90.04	- 2.61	
-do- Accum	84.95	90.02	- 2.61	
Amer Smlr Cos	687.60	730.29	-12.29	
-do- Accum	698.30	736.00	12.50	
Capital Tst	397.40	424.30	- 3.90	1.25
-do- Accum	587.90	627.60	5.60	1.26
Conti Smlr Cos	62.34	67.87†	- 0.23	0.07
-do- Accum	68.07	72.68†	- 0.27	0.07
Convertible	140.30	149.30†	- 0.10	5.17
-do- Accum	312.95	332.70†	- 0.39	5.17
Emerging Markets	77.35	82.68	- 0.55	0.54
-do- Accum	78.91	83.34	- 0.55	0.54
European	174.50	184.90†	- 0.40	0.50
-do- Accum	195.57	196.50†	- 0.40	0.50
Extra Income	424.10	451.30	- 0.80	4.02
-do- Accum	686.10	727.80	- 1.20	4.02
Financial	227.80	227.10	- 1.10	0.34
-do- Accum	272.60	236.00	- 1.20	0.34
Gilt Trust	63.10	65.20	0.01	7.04
-do- Accum	101.50	104.10		7.04
Health Fund Inc	256.00	294.27†	2.90	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	266.00	284.20†	- 3.80	.
Income & Growth	246.10	261.80†	+ 1.50	4.08
-do- Accum	402.80	428.30†	+ 2.40	4.08
Intl Growth	456.00	485.80	- 4.60	..
-do- Accum	506.30	539.40	- 5.20	.
Japan & Gen	161.40	171.30	+ 0.50	.
-do- Accum	163.10	173.10	+ 0.80	...
Monthly Inc #	215.80	229.60†	+ 0.50	4.26
-do- Accum #	221.50	235.60†	+ 0.70	4.26
Managed Port Inc	127.70	134.40	- 0.10	1.33
-do- Accum	140.40	147.80	- 0.20	1.33
Quarterly Income #	59.35	63.56†	+ 0.25	5.07
-do- Accum #	70.10	75.08†	+ 0.29	5.07
Recovery	348.20	372.40	- 3.50	
-do- Accum	411.10	439.70	- 4.20	.
UK Growth	72.30	78.91†	+ 0.89	1.79
-do- Accum	79.85	84.95†	+ 0.97	1.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	72.14	76.77	- 2.48	
FP Am Smlr Cos	208.80	222.70†	- 4.50	...
FP Asian Growth	290.60	309.90†	- 5.10	.
FP Australian	462.80	493.60	- 6.70	.
FP Equity Dist	505.20	538.80†	- 0.70	2.13
-do- Accum	1140.00	1215.00	- 2.00	2.13
FP Euro Grth	349.50	372.80		...
-do- Accum	382.90	408.40	- 3.40	.
FP Intl Bond	55.62	58.85	- 0.45	4.08
FP Intl Gth Dist	42.25	45.07	- 0.53	. .
-do- Accum	62.08	66.21	- 0.76	.
FP Pac Basin Acc	228.50	243.70	- 2.98	.
FP Income #	63.49	67.72†	...	4.56
-do- Accum #	230.70	246.00		4.56
FP Jap Smlr Cos	249.10	265.70	- 0.80	. .
FP Monthly Dist #	80.30	85.65†	- 0.05	4.91
FP Stlg Deposit	101.00	101.00	+ 0.10	5.14
FP Tokyo	77.18	82.24	- 0.36	.
FP UK Focus	47.34	50.49	- 0.05	1.51
FP UK Growth	224.20	239.10	- 0.10	1.78
-do- Accum	456.10	486.50	- 0.20	1.78
Stewardship Dist	451.30	481.50†	- 3.60	1.30
-do- Accum	574.30	612.50	- 4.70	1.30
Swrdshp Inc Dist #	78.24	83.45†	- 0.69	4.83
-do- Accum #	110.50	117.80	- 1.00	4.83
N Am Stshp Dist	147.30	157.10	- 2.70	0.02
-do- Accum	158.60	169.10	- 2.90	0.02
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	112.90	113.40†	- 0.30	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	114.10	114.60	- 0.30	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grth Acc	141.18	150.18†	- 1.40	0.57
Open Cap Gth Acc	143.70	152.80†	- 1.20	.
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	127.10	135.20	- 1.00	2.71
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	138.20	144.80	- 1.10	2.71
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	131.60	139.80	- 1.00	3.72
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	142.50	151.50	- 1.20	3.72
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	330.30	350.50†	- 1.10	1.94
Cash	49.58	50.33†	+ 0.06	4.53
Growth Portfolio	102.10	108.60	- 1.10	
Income Portfolio	80.29	85.19†	- 0.30	2.80
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	232.00	248.10	- 2.70	0.52
Dividend	106.90	114.30	- 0.60	3.94
Int Gth & Inc	274.80	293.90	- 4.20	1.35
UK & Gen	53.77	57.51	- 0.40	1.18
Fund of Funds	81.01	86.64	- 1.00	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	213.40	228.20	- 5.50	0.15
European Gth	837.60	890.90	- 4.80	0.54
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	57.31	60.71†	- 0.37	3.93
-do- Accum	65.81	69.71	- 0.43	3.93
High Yield #	52.01	54.86†	- 0.07	7.48
-do- Accum #	60.11	63.50	- 0.08	7.46
Income Inc	212.10	226.90	.	3.80
-do- Accum	246.40	263.60		3.80
Intl Growth	404.70	429.80	- 4.60	0.29
Intl Income	106.10	112.30	- 2.00	2.11
Japan Growth	451.90	479.30	- 2.60	
Orient Acc	214.70	229.70	- 3.90	0.13
UK General Inc	203.00	217.10	.	1.61
UK General Acc	364.40	389.80		1.61
UK Sml Cos Div Acc	62.15	66.47	- 0.50	1.75
UK Spec Sits	112.50	120.40	- 0.50	1.36
US Growth	213.40	225.70	- 7.60	
Wwide Spec Sits	171.40	182.10	- 2.20	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	64.98	69.43	+ 0.09	1.97
Practical Inv Inc #	133.53	142.81	- 0.32	3.37
-do- Accum #	324.53	347.09	- 0.80	3.37
UK Index	203.42	204.44	+ 0.66	2.94
UK Smaller Cos	220.22	235.53	- 2.33	0.31
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.60	26.53	- 0.03	6.90
High Income	38.22	40.77†	+ 0.09	4.17
UK Growth & Inc	176.58	188.71	+ 0.88	2.53
Global Bond	27.42	28.54†	- 0.15	4.06
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	53.13	56.82	- 0.65	.
Global Managed	158.17	169.08	- 2.14	1.15
Gold & Intl Res	105.42	112.75†	- 1.24	.
Global Utilities	166.51	177.69†	- 0.80	0.79
Overseas Funds				
American	227.41	240.90†	- 6.34	0.50
European	162.98	172.93	+ 0.17	0.46
Euro Sel Opps	250.55	266.18	+ 1.03	
Amer Emerging	179.22	190.86	- 3.40	
Hong Kong	218.81	234.26	- 1.17	0.73
Japan	212.38	225.26	- 0.92	.
Pacific Growth	235.56	253.08†	- 3.07	.
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	284.73	284.73	- 0.18	1.72
Long Term Bal	301.77	301.77	- 0.22	2.73
Med Term Bal	245.43	245.43	+ 0.04	2.54
UK Equity	336.30	336.30†	+ 1.16	2.36
UK Emerging Cos	182.77	182.77†	- 1.67	2.14
American	387.18	387.18	-11.61	0.33
Japan	124.63	124.63	- 0.30	
European	421.56	421.56	- 0.14	0.71
Index Linked Gilt	192.23	192.23†	+ 0.27	2.66
Fixed Interest	189.45	189.45†	- 0.04	7.05
Amer Emerges	395.56	395.56	- 6.81	.
Pacific	223.71	223.71†	- 0.49	0.92
Emerging Mkts	145.85	145.85	- 1.24	0.61
Index Strat Japan	131.52	131.52	+ 0.11	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	209.76	209.76	- 2.60	1.13
-do- Cont Europe	224.23	224.23	- 0.38	1.22
Index Strat USA	230.37	230.37	- 0.54	1.27
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	134.58	143.17	- 0.09	.
Med Term Bal	117.58	125.08	+ 1.10	
Cash Trust	150.87	150.87†	+ 0.02	5.72
Long Term Bal	136.35	145.05	+ 0.53	
UK Equity	156.72	166.72	+ 0.57	.
UK Emerging Cos	86.14	91.63	+ 1.76	
American	179.72	191.18	- 5.74	.
Japan	59.62	63.42	- 0.15	.
European	175.46	186.65	+ 1.45	
Fixed Interest	98.09	104.34	- 0.03	.
Index Linked Gilt	85.73	91.20	+ 0.13	.
Deposit	90.99	96.80	+ 0.02	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	168.89	177.78	- 0.71	0.48
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	731.37	778.65	+ 2.03	1.09
-do- Accum	830.18	883.16	+ 2.30	1.09
European Inc	199.83	212.30	+ 0.59	1.39
Amalgam Inc	178.79	190.20	+ 0.19	
N America Inc	465.90	495.64	- 7.50	
Far East Inc	385.24	409.83	- 3.57	0.57
-do- Accum	399.84	425.36	- 3.71	0.57
UK Dsrtd Inc	226.82	248.45	- 0.64	1.79
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	130.91	139.50	+ 0.23	
Do NAV to Jun 20	129.82	129.82		
UK Equity Safeguard	103.50	110.54		2.47
Do NAV to Sep 19	101.73	101.73		
Cash	956.32	961.10		5.50
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	320.10	340.50†	+ 1.60	1.79
Smaller Growth	76.13	81.42	- 0.50	1.43
UK Small Cos	73.29	78.37	- 0.60	0.49
FTSE 250 Index	93.02	99.48	- 0.50	2.11
Geared UK Index	1913.35	2019.89†	- 6.00	5.00
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	99.73	105.58	- 0.60	4.24
[illegible]	80.32	82.97	- 0.12	
Monthly Inc	39.97	42.53†	- 0.20	9.01
International Funds				
American Gr	272.50	288.10	- 8.10	
American Strat	244.83	261.21	- 8.50	
JG US Index	2126.39	2219.44†		4.00
European Gen	319.93	337.40	- 2.85	0.71
European Strat	135.71	144.60	- 1.20	
Japan Gen	151.10	159.40	- 1.50	
Japan [illegible]	51.36	54.31	0.51	
Asia Pacific	102.27	109.43	- 1.34	
Pacific [illegible]	167.39	178.91	- 2.50	
Greater China	309.35	329.46	- 5.20	
Latin America	[illegible]	131.65	- 1.90	
Intl [illegible]	174.25	188.15	- 3.40	
Balanced Energy	152.50	157.70		2.39
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 528 9662				
European	670.20	725.70†	- 6.60	
Gilt & Fixed	135.10	143.20	- 0.70	5.49
Growth Equity	492.30	515.30†	+ 0.20	1.21
Income Trust	164.63	175.80†	- 0.30	3.90
International	235.10	247.50	- 2.50	
Japan Trust	116.60	124.50	- 0.20	
Nth American	400.70	433.40	-11.40	
Pacific	565.00	625.50	-11.40	0.02
[illegible]	705.40	750.90	- 1.40	1.20
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
[illegible]	97.11	101.03†	- 0.50	5.41
Global High Inc	35.32	57.40	- 0.54	5.34
Corporate Bond	108.54	[illegible]	- 0.12	6.88
Euro & Bond Inc	[illegible]	73.24	- 0.19	4.72
European Growth	152.42	162.06	- 0.98	
[illegible]	91.93	96.35	- 0.59	0.73
Equity Inc	152.05	161.67†	+ 0.57	3.41
-do- Accum	229.77	243.74	+ 0.56	3.41
Recovery	451.00	480.20†	- 0.50	2.80
-do- Accum	543.52	577.80	- 0.50	2.80
Global High Inc	129.83	140.97	+ 3.47	6.93
UK Emerg Cos	323.90	344.40†	- 2.90	7.84
UK Smlr Cos	405.00	432.50	- 4.30	3.15
Gold Pro [illegible]	143.70	152.95	- 0.97	0.77
-do- Accum	145.49	158.95	- 0.94	0.77
Inc Share Tst	95.36	101.40†	- 3.50	9.50
Small [illegible]	127.36	133.28	- 0.94	1.92
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 222 5050				
Balanced Inc	59.55	63.14	+ 0.14	3.76
Balanced Acc	64.55	67.87	+ 0.15	3.36
Growth	36.72	39.91	- 0.06	1.93
Growth Acc	38.22	40.57	- 0.07	1.93
Income	56.62	25.90†	+ 0.09	3.74
Income Acc	38.22	40.54	+ 0.11	3.74
Dealing: 01904 [illegible]				
Accumulation Tst	79.94	32.44	+ 0.12	2.58
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380				
High Pfmnce	101.90	105.70†		6.47
Metro Plats	235.53	250.58	- 0.10	2.01
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 290 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Pref Acc	48.60	51.57		2.95
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	379.07	405.59	- 1.99	0.91
Best of British	79.44	85.50†	+ 0.74	2.46
UK Smaller Cos	157.14	167.56	- 2.20	0.91
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	[illegible]	307.43†	+ 0.98	4.17
-do- Accum #	997.10	[illegible]	+ 2.95	4.17
High Income	[illegible]	360.77	+ 0.72	4.42
Extra Income #	215.85	225.47†	- 0.27	6.53
Pref & Bond	51.42	53.14	- 2.94	8.00
International				
Africa	119.10	126.16	- 0.97	1.46
International	362.61	385.16	- 2.51	
Global Bond	53.04	55.25†	- 0.35	5.42
Intl Pen [illegible]	110.20	115.54†	- 2.20	
[illegible]	[illegible]	247.91†	3.62	
Overseas Funds				
Amer Enterprise	[illegible]	214.97†	- 7.57	0.32
European	181.53	194.97	- 1.78	0.52
European Income #	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.21	3.01
Euro Smlr Cos	[illegible]	226.85	- 2.77	0.60
European Value	106.75	113.25	- 0.34	
-do- Accum	118.75	[illegible]	0.91	
Japan Trust	204.50	217.64	- 1.06	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smlr Cos	185.04	195.15	- 1.85	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	241.55	257.34	+ 1.38	
North American	374.94	397.62	-11.43	
American Smaller	190.45	202.91	- 3.08	..
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	171.20	180.30	- 4.60	5.02
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	138.90	145.45	- 0.02	1.48
Capital	223.98	234.53	- 0.93	1.26
Dollar	574.53	602.02	-16.25	
Enterprise Gth	449.18	470.34	- 2.59	0.78
European	322.99	338.21	- 1.13	0.07
Far East	299.35	313.46	- 4.38	0.48
Financial	1258.28	1318.61	- 7.80	1.22
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.38	28.48	- 0.04	6.60
High Yield #	122.27	128.04†	+ 0.11	4.58
Income & Growth #	182.70	191.30	- 0.36	3.44
International	321.73	336.89	- 3.23	0.38
Japanese General	185.89	194.65	- 1.24	
Japan Tech	86.83	90.92	- 0.61	.
Nat Resources	76.30	79.89	- 1.31	0.52
Portfolio	89.86	94.10	- 0.52	1.31
Special Sits	223.69	234.13	- 2.51	0.16
UK Emerging Cos	132.36	138.60	- 1.20	1.04
US Smaller Cos	167.16	175.03†	- 2.49	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	715.40	763.60	+ 3.00	4.73
UK Growth	784.70	837.50	+ 3.70	1.49
High Income #	126.70	135.20†	+ 0.20	5.62
Active Funds-International				
American Grth	728.60	768.30	-23.40	0.27
European Grth	178.30	189.60	- 0.50	0.19
Japan Grth	270.70	287.60	+ 0.70	
Japan Smlr Cos	29.09	31.05	- 0.10	..
Asian	63.33	67.59	- 1.07	...
Sing & Malay Grth	80.69	86.10†	- 1.85	
Hong Kong Grth	217.10	231.50	- 3.70	0.21
Global Bond	21.04	22.17	- 0.10	4.87
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	191.20	192.30	+ 0.60	2.86
Tri-Index	132.70	136.10	- 0.80	2.56
THE FOOTSIE FUND	75.86	78.26†	+ 0.44	2.59
Index Funds-International				
American Index	348.10	349.80	-10.30	0.77
Eurotrack 100	234.50	235.70	+ 0.20	0.98
Japan Index	89.17	89.52	+ 0.14	0.13
Tiger Index	179.50	180.80	- 2.30	0.08
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	53.24	56.60	- 0.53	1.33
General Funds				
Managed Dist	98.80	101.10†	- 0.30	1.02
Managed	109.30	104.80†	- 0.40	1.02
Rupert Childs Fnd	119.60	124.70	+ 0.80	1.85
UK Growth	78.42	81.90†	+ 0.18	1.54
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	96.71	101.60	+ 0.20	5.48
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.50	28.37†	- 0.03	7.66
UK Inc & Grth	53.64	56.02	+ 0.09	2.82
UK Income #	412.80	431.10	+ 0.20	4.29
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	70.13	72.62	- 1.80	.
Amer Smlr Cos	172.10	179.70†	- 2.00	. .
-do- Accum	173.90	181.60†	- 2.00	
Europe Gth	272.90	284.60	- 0.20	.
-do- Accum	282.70	294.80	- 0.20	
Euro Smaller Cos	49.91	51.98	- 0.19	.
French Growth	108.20	112.40	+ 0.80	0.03
-do- Accum	117.10	121.70	+ 0.90	0.03
H Kong & China	145.40	151.80	- 2.50	0.28
Intl Growth	77.20	80.41	- 0.59	0.36
-do- Accum	78.66	81.93	- 0.60	0.36
Japan Gth	27.32	28.47†	- 0.12	. .
-do- Accum	27.32	28.47†	- 0.12	
Japan Smaller Cos	31.27	32.64	- 0.20	.
Glob Emg Mkts	109.90	114.80	- 0.80	
-do- Accum	110.70	115.60	- 0.80	
SE Asia	364.20	380.40	- 5.60	. .
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	49.11	50.64†	- 0.29	6.71
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690448				
UK Income #	118.00	125.70†	+ 0.50	3.25
UK Growth	121.90	129.80†	+ 0.50	1.63
Hy 5 Europe	107.00	112.50	- 0.60	1.98
Slater Grth	200.50	213.90	- 1.40	0.94
New Japan	88.38	93.35	- 1.32	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	207.00	220.20	- 4.50	
Income #	245.68	261.36	- 0.94	3.97
UK Growth	93.49	99.45	- 0.23	1.85
Intl Growth	94.79	100.84	- 0.96	0.58
Ecology	109.74	116.74	- 1.22	0.75
European	237.91	253.09	- 0.98	0.20
Far Eastern	330.53	351.62	- 2.73	
UK Special Sits	59.85	63.84	- 0.23	0.38
Fd of Inv Tsts	58.67	62.58†	- 0.02	0.54
High Income #	54.88	58.53	- 0.02	4.78

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KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
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Income Trusts				
Bond Income	103.70	107.20†	- 0.10	6.71
Euro Prv Inc	117.80	125.30	+ 0.30	2.75
-do- Accum	117.80	125.30	+ 0.30	2.75
Gilt Yield	121.70	128.30†	+ 0.20	6.30
Global Income	252.00	268.10†	- 0.90	2.99
High Yield	179.00	190.40	+ 1.00	4.90
-do- Accum	603.30	641.80	+ 3.20	4.90
Money Market	100.24	100.24†	+ 0.02	5.76
Smlr Cos Div	64.35	68.46†	- 0.56	3.78
Tomorrows Co Er Acc	1058.00	1075.00†	+ 2.00	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	173.00	184.00	- 1.90	
Asian Growth	316.50	336.70	- 3.00	
-do- Accum	371.90	395.60	- 3.50	..
North American	125.70	133.70	- 3.41	
European Special	148.30	157.80	- 0.10	1.05
European	210.00	223.40†	+ 1.20	0.58
-do- Accum	279.30	297.10†	+ 1.60	0.58
Global Eqty Inc	135.10	143.40	+ 0.10	1.94
Japan	379.40	403.60†	+ 0.90	
Japanese Special	202.20	215.10	- 0.60	
Smaller Cos	152.60	162.30†	- 1.20	0.96
UK Equity Growth	60.39	64.24	+ 0.09	1.11
UK Index Inc	380.20	382.20†	- 1.30	3.47
Fischam Tst	117.80	126.60†	- 0.90	1.50
-do- Accum	119.80	128.70†	- 0.80	1.50
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Sorting Income	340.99	362.75	+ 0.35	4.55
UK Growth	110.33	117.37	- 0.89	1.78
Inc & Growth	75.90	81.81	- 0.27	3.46
Smaller Cos	97.98	104.23	- 0.75	1.21
Emr Spec Sit Inc	61.30	65.21†	- 0.84	1.74
Emr Spec Sit Acc	64.32	68.43†	0.88	1.74
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 680 430				
UK Cap	504.30	534.90		1.63
UK Inc Gth #	541.50	574.50	+ 1.40	3.34
UK Income #	377.85	400.90		4.21
UK Sml Cos	305.60	326.80	- 3.00	1.90
Euro Grth	184.70	196.00	+ 0.20	0.14
N Amer Grth	140.40	149.00	- 3.70	
Japan Growth	54.86	58.19	- 0.10	
Grth Port Inc	78.03	85.25	- 0.75	0.64
Grth Port Acc	79.34	83.74	- 0.75	0.64
Inc Port Inc	68.47	72.26	- 0.73	2.77
Inc Port Acc	77.90	82.11	- 0.82	3.69
Stable Port	63.94	67.48	- 0.44	
Emg Mkts Grth	94.65	100.42	- 0.63	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	567.90	602.90†	+ 7.00	2.46
-do- Accum	1302.00	1382.00†	+ 4.00	2.47
Fixed Income #	112.50	117.50	+ 0.30	4.81
UK Special Growth	78.41	76.41†	+ 0.51	4.62
European	171.40	171.80	- 0.40	0.56
Far Eastern	239.90	236.90	- 1.80	
Fixed Interest	56.09	56.09†	- 0.01	6.45
Gilt	93.79	93.78	- 0.09	6.70
Global Growth	89.59	89.59†	- 0.56	0.12
Gilt Bond	47.19	49.18	0.26	4.46
Japanese	64.91	88.81	+ 0.03	
North American	256.70	256.20	- 6.50	0.25
Pacific Growth	176.50	176.50	- 1.40	0.22
Pacific Index	49.16	39.76	- 0.02	2.00
UK Index	86.85	86.85	+ 0.27	2.47
UK Recovery	120.80	125.80		1.90
UK Smaller Cos	161.80	161.90†	- 0.70	1.27
US Index	101.10	101.10†	- 2.90	0.96
European Index	108.60	108.60	- 0.10	1.22
Japan Index	35.50	35.50†	- 0.03	
Worldwide	107.90	107.90†	- 0.20	1.31
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	67.99	67.36†	+ 0.26	2.16
Income	73.22	78.41†	+ 0.13	4.01
Far East	48.63	52.01	- 0.50	
North American	148.00	158.00	- 4.80	
Global	101.80	109.16	- 1.60	0.79
European	118.70	126.10	- 0.40	0.64
Japan	89.81	96.06	0.34	
Intl Currency Fd	56.18	59.49	- 0.29	5.39
SE Asia	101.70	109.23	- 1.30	0.40
UK Cap Growth	114.60	122.20	+ 0.40	1.36
Recovery Trust	96.40	103.19	0.50	1.45
Managed	79.12	84.01	- 0.58	1.65
Cash	50.75	50.76	+ 0.01	5.74
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	457.50	486.80	- 0.60	1.94
-do- Accum	1104.30	1175.00	- 1.30	1.94
Contl Euro Gth	97.64	99.57	- 0.60	
-do- Accum	100.40	105.70	- 0.70	
Extra Inc #	312.80	333.00†	- 0.30	3.78
Extra Inc Acc #	849.80	946.60	- 10.30	3.78
FTSE 100 Inc	147.90	152.00		2.30
FTSE 100 Acc	157.10	158.70		2.30
German Grth	164.50	172.70	- 7.30	
-do- Accum	172.50	181.60	- 2.50	
Growth Fund	219.20	225.60	- 3.70	0.19
-do- Accum	759.60	808.40	- 3.40	0.19
High Interest Inc	102.70	107.60†	- 0.20	7.30
High Interest Acc	114.90	119.10	- 0.20	7.30
Hi Income Inc #	115.10	121.00†	0.20	5.98
Hi Income Acc #	128.40	136.60	- 0.20	5.98
Income Inc #	518.30	638.50	- 1.50	3.35
Income Acc #	1796.00	1911.00	- 5.00	3.35
Income Port	614.80	654.70	- 4.50	4.21
-do- Accum	709.70	754.00	- 5.30	4.21

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	95.12	101.20	- 0.50	..
-do- Accum	95.46	101.60	- 0.50	...
Master Trust	72.33	76.95†	- 0.34	1.35
-do- Accum	84.98	90.41	- 0.40	1.35
Millennium Acc	106.80	113.70†	- 2.00	2.16
N American Gen	283.10	301.20	- 8.90	0.55
-do- Accum	327.70	348.70	-11.30	0.55
Nthn Sm Co Rec	200.60	213.30	- 6.50	..
-do- Accum	204.60	217.70	- 6.60	
Pacific Basin	259.70	286.80	+ 2.60	0.13
-do- Accum	267.39	284.49	+ 2.80	0.13
Safety First Acc	105.90	108.48	..	1.85
Do until 12/5/98 ‡	99.37			
Small Cos Rec	516.70	543.90	-18.50	1.90
-do- Accum	719.30	757.20	-25.90	1.90
UK Eq Gth	185.20	197.10	- 0.40	2.32
UK Eq Inc #	145.80	155.28	- 0.10	3.86
UK Growth	116.90	128.60	- 0.30	1.64
-do- Accum	150.49	160.10	- 0.30	1.64
Worldwide Gth	389.10	414.00	- 4.60	0.48
-do- Accum	576.78	612.50	- 6.80	0.48
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	104.91	111.30	- 3.52	0.68
General	119.80	128.54	- 0.04	2.46
Income	81.18	87.10	- 0.16	4.80
International	80.41	86.27†	- 1.40	0.50
Japan	53.75	57.62	- 0.37	..
Tst of Inv Tsts	83.15	89.21	- 0.91	0.90
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Secs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	592.00	625.00	-16.50	0.16
-do- Accum	741.80	783.20	-20.70	0.16
Amer Recovery	707.10	747.80	- 6.70	.
-do- Accum	817.80	864.80	- 7.80	..
Amer Smlr Cos	167.30	176.90	- 3.00	..
-do- Accum	170.90	180.70	- 3.10	.
Australasian	226.60	239.60	- 4.90	1.84
-do- Accum	287.30	303.80	- 4.90	1.84
Capital	1023.30	1082.10	- 0.20	2.89
-do- Accum	1234.50	1306.40	- 0.40	2.89
Charifund	854.90	862.50	+ 3.40	5.54
-do- Accum	4576.30	4622.10	+18.20	5.54
Commodity	472.60	499.80	- 6.80	0.61
-do- Accum	698.80	738.10	-13.35	0.61
Compound Grth	1177.30	1245.00	+ 2.00	2.85
-do- Accum	1316.50	1392.30	+ 2.20	2.85
Corporate Bond	26.94	27.83†	+ 0.05	6.90
Dividend	47.00	49.70†	+ 0.20	4.78
-do- Accum	216.70	229.30†	+ 0.80	4.78
Equity Income	346.60	366.50	- 1.30	5.36
-do- Accum	491.10	519.30	- 1.90	5.36
Euro & General	731.20	773.20†	- 2.50	0.56
-do- Accum	943.80	998.00†	- 3.20	0.56
Euro Dividend	91.30	96.50	- 0.20	3.42
-do- Accum	117.10	123.80	- 0.30	3.42
Euro Smlr Cos	57.40	60.70†	- 0.40	0.50
-do- Accum	57.60	60.90†	- 0.40	0.50
Extra Yield	505.10	534.10	+ 2.50	5.10
-do- Accum	1733.80	1833.40	+ 8.40	5.10
Fund of Inv Tsts	766.50	810.80†	- 3.20	1.27
-do- Accum	1495.40	1581.40†	- 6.20	1.27
General	76.00	80.40†	- 0.30	3.73
-do- Accum	231.10	244.40†	- 1.10	3.73
Gilt Income	64.73	64.83†	+ 0.13	6.30
-do- Accum	204.58	204.91†	+ 0.42	6.30
Gold	59.20	62.60	- 0.60	1.26
-do- Accum	71.10	75.18	- 0.70	1.26
High Income	35.60	37.60†	+ 0.10	4.70
-do- Accum	158.20	167.40†	+ 0.60	4.70
Intl Growth	100.00	105.80	- 1.30	0.60
-do- Accum	177.20	187.50	- 2.20	0.60
International Inc	121.10	128.10	- 0.50	4.13
-do- Accum	196.90	208.40	- 0.70	4.13
Japan & Gen	36.30	38.30†	+ 0.10	
-do- Accum	39.00	41.10†	+ 0.10	
Japan Smlr Cos	125.20	132.30	+ 0.10	
-do- Accum	126.00	133.30	+ 0.20	
Managed Grth	28.60	30.20	- 0.20	1.50
Managed Income	32.00	33.60		4.20
Midland	59.80	63.20	- 0.60	3.30
-do- Accum	212.70	225.10	- 2.00	3.30
Pension Ex	1167.40	1196.60	+ 3.30	3.94
Recovery	49.20	52.00†	- 0.20	2.81
-do- Accum	86.70	91.70†	- 0.30	2.81
Second General	78.00	82.50†	- 0.10	4.07
-do- Accum	218.50	231.30†	- 0.30	4.07
Smaller Cos	64.00	67.70	- 0.70	3.35
-do- Accum	134.50	142.40	- 1.40	3.35
Sth East Asia	410.00	433.60	- 5.00	1.08
-do- Accum	550.10	581.80	- 6.70	1.08
Treasury	25.08	25.12†		6.12
Trustee	46.60	49.30		4.98
-do- Accum	206.80	218.80	..	4.98
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	120.45	128.13	+ 0.06	0.37
Intl Bond	61.07	64.18†	- 0.44	4.49
Intl Equity Growth	94.66	100.58†	- 0.94	0.41
N Amer Growth	157.81	167.60	- 4.74	0.55
Special Sits Growth	31.01	32.98	- 0.04	1.96
UK Growth	513.56	546.33	- 0.81	2.37
-do- Accum	716.36	762.08	- 1.12	2.37
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01820 925867				
Balanced Fd #	1553.20	1574.40†	.	2.70
Income #	1134.80	1151.90	.	4.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	185.90	190.10†		4.02
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Inc #	98.59	101.60†	+ 0.10	5.43
M & S Inv Pfolio	195.90	202.00	+ 0.10	2.31
-do- Accum	234.80	242.10	+ 0.10	2.31
UK Sel Pfolio	175.30	180.70†	+ 0.80	2.31
-do- Accum	215.70	222.40†	+ 1.00	2.31
UK 100 Cos	136.40	136.40	+ 0.70	2.46
-do- Accum	139.80	139.80	+ 0.80	2.46
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	73.41	78.10	.	3.39
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	92.99	98.77†	- 0.48	3.32
European	119.40	126.80	- 1.00	0.33
Income #	93.23	98.97†	- 0.10	3.90
Nth American	111.80	118.70†	- 3.10	0.01
Far East	199.00	211.30†	- 0.30	0.15
Japan	64.99	68.99	- 0.06	
Emerging Mkts	103.40	110.60	- 1.10	
Intl Growth	151.10	160.40	- 1.80	0.52
UK Growth	135.80	144.20	- 0.10	2.21
UK Smlr Co	63.42	67.32†	- 0.80	1.79
Asia Pacific	41.83	44.74†	- 0.67	0.46
Glob Grth PEP	72.65	77.17	- 0.63	0.31
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	110.80	117.90	- 0.80	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	522.07	555.39	+ 2.84	3.16
Global Inc	82.01	87.24	+ 0.11	3.44
Brit Leaders Inc	418.54	445.26	+ 2.36	1.63
Intl Leaders	263.33	280.14	- 2.79	0.63
PM&I Mg Bal Gth	75.37	78.47	- 0.42	0.34
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	316.80	334.00	-11.20	
-do- Accum	338.70	357.20	-11.80	
American Oppr	126.40	134.60	- 1.00	
-do- Accum	128.00	136.20	- 1.00	
British Blue Chip	109.40	116.10	+ 0.200	2.59
-do- Accum	142.70	151.50	+ 0.300	2.59
Cash	100.90	100.90		5.87
-do- Accum	153.00	153.00		5.87
Emerging Mkts	156.80	168.40†	- 1.30	0.61
-do- Accum	158.30	170.20†	- 1.30	0.61
European Growth	389.60	412.70	- 3.30	0.46
-do- Accum	424.90	449.50	- 3.50	0.46
European Income	96.33	101.90†	- 1.10	4.02
-do- Accum	143.20	151.50†	- 1.50	4.02
General	657.80	695.60	- 0.60	2.27
-do- Accum	1355.00	1431.00	- 2.00	2.27
Global Bond	125.80	132.30	- 0.70	4.79
-do- Accum	170.90	179.60	- 1.10	4.79
Gold & General	170.20	182.00†	- 1.90	0.40
-do- Accum	176.10	188.30†	- 2.00	0.40
Govt Securities	95.99	98.95†	- 0.17	5.01
-do- Accum	211.30	217.70†	- 0.40	5.41
High Yield Bd	104.50	107.00†	- 0.20	6.47
-do- Accum	115.60	118.40†	- 0.20	6.47
Income	208.70	221.60†	0.40	4.06
-do- Accum	356.70	378.30†	0.60	4.06
Inc Portfolio #	120.00	126.90	- 0.31	5.04
-do- Accum #	134.10	141.90	- 0.30	5.04
Intl Opps	617.40	653.60†	- 5.00	0.75
-do- Accum	838.80	894.70†	- 6.80	0.75
Japan	171.90	183.20	0.90	
-do- Accum	176.50	188.00	- 1.10	
New Europe	270.70	288.30	2.00	0.97
-do- Accum	283.70	302.60	2.10	0.97
Pacific	114.60	122.70†	- 1.70	0.45
-do- Accum	122.70	131.90†	- 2.00	0.45
Recovery	507.80	541.60	- 2.40	1.67
-do- Accum	676.20	721.30	- 3.00	1.67
UK Smaller Cos	62.97	67.19	- 0.68	1.51
-do- Accum	72.89	77.74	0.79	1.51
Portfolio	101.50	107.60	0.30	2.77
-do- Accum	126.90	134.60	+ 0.10	2.77
Managed Grth	132.60	132.80†	- 0.60	1.87
Managed Inc	137.39	135.10†	- 0.40	4.02
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
European Plus	184.13	195.88†	- 1.35	0.12
Portfolio	23.79	24.46†	0.31	1.22
UK Income Inc	102.52	108.76	- 0.17	4.31
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	75.48	79.73	+ 0.06	2.63
-do- Accum	84.15	88.12	+ 0.08	2.63
British Tst	121.30	127.00	+ 1.00	2.05
-do- Accum	149.30	155.30	+ 1.30	2.05
Corp Bond Inc	62.10	65.80	- 0.10	6.53
-do- Accum	102.90	112.70	- 0.10	6.53
Extra High Inc	70.38	73.93	+ 0.11	6.30
-do- Accum #	169.00	177.00	+ 0.50	6.30
FTSE 100 Acc	82.17	85.93	+ 0.25	2.16
FTSE 100 Dist	76.57	80.27	+ 0.45	2.16
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.15	58.43	+ 0.04	6.44
-do- Accum	187.30	196.90†	+ 0.10	6.44
High Yield	252.40	269.50	+ 0.60	2.53
-do- Accum #	738.90	773.10	+ 1.80	5.53
Household Names	100.00	106.50	- 0.60	2.75
Income	358.10	375.80	+ 1.30	4.25
-do- Accum #	856.20	916.50	+ 3.70	4.25
Money Mkt UT	59.57	59.58	+ 0.01	5.53
-do- Accum	85.76	85.78	+ 0.02	5.53

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	103.00	107.90†	+ 0.30	4.47
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	155.70	165.80	+ 1.20	2.00
European Growth	161.40	171.10		
Gilt & Fixed	108.60	113.80	+ 0.10	8.22
Income	116.40	123.80	- 1.00	4.18
Japan Growth	45.87	48.41		
Managed	81.92	87.79	- 0.54	2.45
Money Market	104.80	104.80		5.21
North American	133.98	142.00		
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	141.20	150.20	+ 1.10	2.00
European Growth	151.40	160.50		
Gilt & Fixed Int	99.87	105.90	+ 0.10	8.22
Income	115.20	122.70	+ 0.40	4.13
Japan Growth	45.48	48.21		
Managed	88.33	93.97	+ 0.67	2.43
Money Market	91.10	98.56	+ 0.02	5.21
North American	120.10	127.80		
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	139.92	148.80	+ 1.10	2.00
European Growth	148.00	158.90		
Gilt & Fixed Int	89.89	95.30	+ 0.10	8.22
Income	112.00	119.10	+ 0.40	4.13
Japan Growth	45.82	48.53		
Managed	90.95	96.76	+ 0.07	2.43
Money Market	82.60	87.57	+ 0.02	5.21
North American	134.50	142.60		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Grth	630.80	662.40	-17.80	
European Gth Inc	631.30	672.50†	+ 0.70	...
-do- Accum	838.20	876.90†	+ 0.90	
Intl Grth	263.10	278.40†	- 3.40	
UK Equity Inc	243.40	258.90	+ 0.09	3.93
Do. Accum	337.00	358.50	+ 0.90	3.93
UK Growth Inc	141.70	151.80	+ 0.40	3.13
-do- Accum	146.20	156.60	+ 0.50	3.13
UK Ind Trdy Inc	219.70	234.40	+ 0.80	2.87
-do- Accum	274.60	292.90	+ 1.00	2.87
US Eq Ind Tst Inc	334.80	354.00	-10.70	0.94
Japan Tracker	64.66	68.23†	+ 0.03	
Asian Tracker	231.30	249.60	- 3.70	0.28
Mngd Pfolio Inc	204.80	217.90†	+ 0.10	1.64
Mngd Pfolio Acc	226.10	240.90†	+ 0.10	1.64
Deposit Inc	100.15	100.15†		5.75
Europa	269.30	286.70	- 1.20	
Genesis	215.10	233.40†	- 2.00	2.44
High Income	21.19	22.45†	+ 0.05	10.00
Japan Growth	95.62	101.40	- 0.20	
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 830				
Acumen	117.90	120.40	- 0.50	1.94
Acumen Inc	108.10	108.40	- 0.40	1.94
Acumen Reserve	181.80	182.60	- 0.30	6.92
-do- Inc	76.24	77.00	- 0.23	6.92
American Growth	81.40	83.37	- 1.59	
Equity Income #	115.30	118.40†	- 0.10	3.85
European	97.59	99.39	- 0.31	0.07
Smaller Cos	98.78	103.20†	- 0.90	1.05
W'wide Eqty	87.60	89.42	- 0.22	
Global Bond	41.21	41.65†	- 0.22	4.77
UK Growth	125.70	129.50	- 0.10	1.10
Pacific Growth	119.60	122.80	- 2.20	0.90
Japan Growth	95.00	96.53	- 0.47	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Asset Equity	168.30	179.04	+ 0.79	2.32
For N&P see Abbey National				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	141.90	149.40†	- 3.50	..
European Dist	177.70	187.10†	+ 0.32	0.32
Far East Dist	182.50	192.10	- 2.10	
Global Care Dist	93.90	98.84†	- 0.70	0.51
Ocean Dist	1218.90	1283.10	- 8.20	
-do- Accum	1584.20	1667.80	- 8.10	..
UK Dist	482.10	507.50†	+ 2.50	1.49
-do- Accum	997.60	1050.10	+ 5.30	1.49
UK Extra Inc Dist	100.60	105.90	+ 0.20	3.18
Wwide Dist	128.00	134.70	- 0.80	
Wwide Inc Dist	95.90	100.95	..	1.58
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 260 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	94.14	99.36	- 0.12	0.31
Fund of Funds Inc	76.19	80.41†	- 0.13	1.24
North America Inc	78.71	80.96†	- 1.99	0.11
UK Equity Grth Inc	75.58	79.77†	+ 0.29	2.01
-do- Accum	82.92	87.51	+ 0.31	2.01
UK General Inc	74.28	78.41	+ 0.18	2.05
-do- Accum	83.26	87.87	+ 0.19	2.05
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	48.85	51.24	- 0.15	6.13
UK Income Inc	72.35	76.36†	+ 0.30	3.14
UK Smlr Cos Inc	119.70	126.30	- 1.30	1.16
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	59.62	63.42		
-do- Accum	60.09	63.92		
Bond	127.41	135.22†		5.86
Cash Income	50.35	50.35†		5.30
-do- Accum	71.28	71.28†	+ 0.01	5.30
Distributor	114.72	122.04†		2.75
European	67.68	71.99†		
Foundation	120.61	128.30		2.24
General Inc	261.32	277.99		1.04
General Acc	265.08	282.00	..	1.04
Growth Inc	154.58	164.44		1.88
Growth Acc	160.33	170.56		1.88
Higher Income Inc	35.73	38.01		4.86
-do- Accum	44.30	47.12		4.86
Income	299.39	318.50		3.03
Intrepid	169.55	176.61†		1.43
Intl Gwp	44.51	47.35		
Japan	29.14	31.00		
Oriental Inc	156.97	166.98		0.29
-do- Accum	162.58	172.96		0.29
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2505				
High Income #	52.28	55.32	- 0.02	5.60
UK Growth	128.39	135.80		2.41
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	155.59	163.78	- 0.64	1.31
UK Equity	189.36	199.33	+ 0.60	2.71
UK Equity Income	168.10	178.95†	+ 0.50	3.57
UK Smaller Cos	148.32	156.13	- 1.34	1.43
UK Equity Growth	167.58	176.40	- 0.79	1.18
UK Index Trckg	191.87	202.50	+ 0.55	2.56
Intl Index Trckg	192.44	203.10	- 3.53	0.64
International	304.85	320.90	- 2.93	0.62
European	298.20	313.90	- 1.52	0.01
Pan European	196.51	206.85†	+ 0.12	1.03
Nth American	275.36	289.85†	- 7.58	0.36
N Amer Smlr Cos	288.99	304.20	- 5.08	
Japanese	91.72	98.55†	- 0.08	
Pacific	237.78	250.28†	- 2.53	0.39
South East Asian	276.48	291.03	- 3.88	0.51
Sterling Bond	103.06	108.48†		6.69
Intl Bond	124.62	131.18	- 0.77	4.38
Gilt & Convertible	111.66	117.54†	+ 0.01	5.96
Property	86.48	91.03†	- 0.03	5.41
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	396.10	424.80†	- 1.20	0.04
-do- Accum	420.00	450.60†	- 1.30	0.04
Japan Inc	98.83	104.60	- 0.40	
Nth American Inc	183.90	194.70	- 5.90	0.63
Worldwide Inc	202.70	216.30	- 2.80	0.24
Hong Kong Inc	227.40	242.70	- 4.20	0.65
Swiss Equities Inc	108.50	115.70	- 0.70	
Wwide Bond Inc	66.91	70.72	+ 0.36	4.97
Emging Asa Inc	194.00	209.30	- 3.40	0.17
-do- Accum	194.70	210.00	- 3.60	0.17
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.33	50.33†	+ 0.01	5.38
Thailand Inc	67.25	73.18	- 3.44	3.25
New Zealand Inc	102.60	109.90	- 0.80	2.31
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	79.75	85.36	- 0.34	0.63
Latin Am Crop Inc	86.73	92.83	- 0.81	0.53
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	79.11	80.37	+ 0.29	2.19
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	89.56	95.27	- 0.88	
Global Portfolio	79.08	84.56†	- 0.85	
Way Global Rec	70.59	75.10†	- 0.61	
Marsh Global Grth	68.67	73.03	- 0.28	
AMR Bnr Grth Inc	120.20	128.60	+ 0.50	0.84
Temple Equity Inc	52.10	56.54	- 0.29	2.03
Harley Growth	130.50	138.80	- 0.70	0.31
Intl Growth Inc	87.34	93.41	- 0.63	
IPS Portfolio Inc	100.00	107.00	- 2.30	
Roxburgh Strat Gth	80.43	86.02	- 0.58	0.16
UFG Growth	69.95	74.81	- 0.59	
Chatfield Pod of Fds	58.63	63.27†	+ 0.51	
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	249.70	265.60	- 2.40	0.89
European Gth	154.40	163.60	- 1.40	0.75
Income & Gth #	171.00	181.90	- 1.20	2.91
Japan Gth	101.80	108.30	0.10	
Nth Amer Gth	261.60	277.70	- 7.50	0.09
Overseas Gth	139.60	148.40	- 1.80	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	312.60	332.90†	+ 0.20	1.76
-do- Accum	698.30	742.90	+ 0.40	1.76
Growth	200.70	211.30†	+ 0.20	2.16
Income	300.60	319.80	- 0.90	3.47
Intl Equity	312.10	332.01	- 3.50	0.12
-do- Accum	349.50	371.80	- 3.90	0.12
Equity Income #	81.55	86.75	- 0.08	4.93
Equity Growth	106.50	113.20	- 0.10	1.29
New Europe	122.80	130.60	+ 0.10	
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	291.78	845.36	- 1.30	0.41
-do- Accum	796.70	850.61	- 1.40	0.41
Income	508.96	544.35	+ 1.64	2.83
Wwide Recovery	515.41	551.21	- 1.42	0.46
Amer Growth Inc	330.88	351.46	- 3.93	0.01
-do- Accum	330.88	351.46	- 3.93	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	303.39	324.49	- 1.73	0.32
Far East Grth Inc	314.83	336.72	- 1.80	0.84
-do- Accum	318.76	340.93	- 1.82	0.84
Euro Grth Inc	225.45	240.58	- 0.38	0.12
-do- Accum	226.24	241.42	- 0.18	0.12
UK Growth Inc	130.99	139.14	+ 0.27	2.46
-do- Accum	143.58	152.93	+ 0.30	2.46
High Income	137.08	146.62	+ 0.43	3.24
Jap Grth Inc	182.31	194.99	+ 0.73	0.22
-do- Accum	182.31	194.99	+ 0.73	0.22
PEP Bond	60.00	62.62	- 0.10	6.93
PEP Growth	166.77	178.28	- 0.37	0.57
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	140.00	149.82	- 0.77	0.19
-do- Accum	140.54	150.32	- 0.77	0.19
Amer Smlr Co Inc	209.47	223.31	- 2.06	0.01
-do- Accum	209.47	223.31	- 2.06	0.01
Global Bond	54.24	57.19	- 0.07	5.26
UK Smaller Cos Inc	110.11	117.77	- 0.10	1.61
-do- Accum	117.35	125.46	- 0.10	1.61
Lat Am Grth Inc	45.38	48.43†	- 0.15	0.12
-do- Accum	46.11	49.21	- 0.15	0.12
World Inc PEP #	48.50	51.33	- 0.11	4.00
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 281 3327				
American	153.78	167.60†	1.03	
European	112.86	120.06	- 0.56	
Global	76.09	80.94†	- 0.41	
Pacific	61.60	65.71	- 0.57	
UK Inc & Gth	88.77	93.85	+ 1.17	1.45
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 638 0808 Dlg 01277 690 430				
Asia Acc	55.96	59.30	- 0.48	
Emerg Mkts	52.01	55.18	- 0.44	0.29
Cons Fund Acc	48.75	51.72	- 0.26	
Fund of Funds Inc	216.50	227.89	- 1.37	0.01
Fund of Funds Acc	218.46	229.96	- 1.39	0.01
High Income #	57.38	60.40	+ 0.19	5.75
Performance	53.67	56.94	- 0.46	
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	185.56	192.85	- 0.06	2.05
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	140.00	148.90	- 2.90	2.60
Conv & Gilt	123.30	131.20†	+ 0.20	4.75
Euro Spc Sit Acc	112.10	119.30	- 0.10	
Extra Income	195.00	207.50†	+ 0.10	4.41
-do- Accum	261.60	278.30	+ 0.10	4.41
Far East	411.80	438.10	- 5.80	0.39
-do- Accum	420.40	447.30	- 5.20	0.39
Global Income	30.48	32.34	- 0.11	4.03
High Income	148.70	158.20		4.26
-do- Accum	194.50	207.00		4.26
International	238.10	253.18	- 2.50	0.41
-do- Accum	238.10	253.88	- 2.70	0.41
Pref & Fxd Int	48.11	51.49	0.01	6.81
Recovery	95.40	101.50	- 0.60	2.39

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	155.20	165.10	- 0.90	1.52
-do- Accum	174.30	185.40	- 1.00	1.52
Technology	729.10	775.60	-12.36	.
UK Blue Chip	101.10	107.50	+ 0.10	2.79
-do- Accum	119.10	126.70	+ 0.20	2.79
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 405000 Client Enq: 0345 555500				
Managed Tst	49.65	51.66	- 0.15	1.74
Cash Haven Inc	101.36	101.86†	+ 0.01	5.41
Cash Haven Acc	122.32	122.93	+ 0.02	5.41
Dist Trust Inc	112.07	116.19	+ 0.17	5.26
Dist Trust Acc	130.03	134.76	+ 1.03	5.26
Global Growth	116.26	123.68	- 0.39	1.07
Equity Inc	95.34	101.43†	+ 0.16	4.38
Equity	981.57	1044.22	+ 3.89	2.19
European	319.24	330.82†	- 1.56	0.46
High Income	98.34	104.62†	+ 0.29	4.87
Intl Gth	243.99	259.56	- 2.30	0.90
Intl Sm Co	102.91	108.48	- 0.88	0.63
Japanese	189.90	198.79	- 0.81	.
Mgd Income Tst #	48.37	50.98†	- 0.04	7.69
Nth Amer	283.09	293.24†	- 7.28	1.10
Pacific Mkts	115.59	119.78	- 2.25	0.88
Premier Inc	49.09	51.09	- 0.02	6.03
Sm Cos	110.15	117.18	- 1.02	2.01
Spec Sits	138.25	147.07†	+ 0.16	2.29
UK Growth	167.10	177.77	+ 0.68	2.16
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 6966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	94.79	99.67	- 0.63	3.30
Investment Trust	129.41	136.08	- 0.79	0.55
UK Smaller Cos	113.50	119.44	- 1.31	1.43
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	383.10	409.40	- 0.10	2.00
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	816.80	865.20	-16.83	
America (Acc)	957.05	1013.75	-17.72	
Amer Smlr Cos	71.38	75.96	- 1.37	
Asia	55.26	59.11	- 0.90	
European	481.13	510.37	- 3.84	
Japan	210.67	224.35	- 1.61	
Jap Smlr Cos	33.44	35.66	- 0.32	
Major UK Cos	131.81	140.50†	- 0.37	1.65
Smllr UK Cos	436.25	475.19	- 3.98	0.95
UK Equity Inc #	199.38	213.17†	- 1.33	4.16
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	53.08	56.39†	- 0.43	
Cash	49.06	50.86†	+ 0.01	2.92
Emerging Mkts	56.75	59.26†	- 0.07	
Europe	71.47	75.98†	- 0.50	
Global Fixed Int #	48.77	50.93†	- 0.18	5.08
Japan	38.47	41.22†	- 0.25	
North America	77.27	81.48†	- 0.76	
UK	72.58	75.80†	- 0.78	0.44
UK Equity Inc #	67.19	70.17†	- 0.70	3.31
UK Fixed Int #	51.35	53.62†		5.95
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	56.25	58.29	- 0.50	...
Pep Inc Port #	55.58	57.60	- 0.50	2.76
BAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	93.17	98.07		. .
Gilt	110.32	116.12	- 0.24	. .
Managed	130.05	136.89	+ 1.84	.
Portfolio	55.22	58.12	- 0.58	.
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	148.50	157.60	- 4.30	0.27
Pacific Basin	89.82	88.64	- 1.24	0.30
High Inc Dist	182.40	194.50	- 0.50	3.64
Ryl Life Int Curry	86.96	70.78	- 0.36	4.01
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	88.52	94.25	- 1.93	0.08
Ryl Life Intl Spec	78.79	83.81	- 0.97	..
UK Emerging Cos	139.80	151.10†	- 1.10	1.37
UK Index Trckg	324.00	338.60†	- 0.90	3.35
European	204.10	218.80	- 0.70	0.15
Managed	201.80	217.80	- 1.90	0.89
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 784 400				
American Growth	230.00	244.50	- 7.00	1.14
European Growth	170.80	181.30	- 0.10	1.29
Far East Growth	164.40	174.90	- 1.50	0.88
Japan Growth	116.30	123.60	- 1.50	0.26
Special Sits	260.40	277.00	- 1.40	1.44
UK Growth	117.20	124.60†	- 0.40	2.37
Intl Growth	319.50	339.50	- 3.40	1.58
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	176.70	187.09	- 1.70	0.30
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	488.00	516.40	+ 0.10	0.92
-do- Accum	765.70	810.30	+ 0.10	0.92
Growth Inc	172.30	182.39	+ 0.30	0.45
-do- Accum	177.10	187.40	+ 0.30	0.45
International Inc	464.90	491.40	+ 0.20	0.42
-do- Accum	629.40	686.00	+ 0.20	0.42
Nth Am & Intl Inc	448.20	474.30	- 4.30	0.07
UK Gen Prog Inc	283.90	300.40	+ 0.30	1.69
-do- Accum	329.80	348.10	+ 0.20	1.69
UK High Inc Inc	165.10	174.70	+ 0.30	4.01
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Grth	131.91	140.32	- 1.83	0.75
European Grth	112.23	119.39	- 0.99	1.00
Global Bd	60.30	63.69	- 0.28	5.00
Japan	51.00	54.25	- 0.09	.
UK Grth	95.22	101.30	- 0.63	5.50
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smlr Cos	157.80	167.90	- 2.70	.
Cash	139.60	139.80†	- 0.30	5.82
China Dragon	84.56	89.96†	- 1.13	0.85
Commodity	138.00	146.80	- 2.10	
Emerging Mkts	45.74	48.66†	- 0.21	0.34
European Grth	287.20	305.50	- 2.10	0.55
Euro Smllr Cos	78.18	83.17	- 1.08	0.04
Extra Income #	61.39	64.24†	- 0.13	5.49
Far Eastern	102.00	108.50†	- 1.10	
FE Sm Cos	45.38	48.28†	- 0.63	0.51
Financial Secs	378.40	400.40	- 2.90	1.36
Gold & Exploration	71.77	76.35	- 2.00	
Growth	500.40	502.90	- 1.90	1.78
High Income	58.92	50.92†	- 0.11	5.81
Intl Bond	156.50	165.40	- 0.80	4.84
ITU	257.40	273.80	- 3.30	0.82
Japan Growth	154.00	163.20	- 1.90	.
Japan Smaller	151.50	160.80	- 1.20	.
Korea	40.22	42.79	- 0.30	
Latin America	53.70	57.13	- 0.32	0.58
Masterfund	69.47	59.82†	- 1.39	0.79
Premier Eq Grth	184.80	196.60†	- 0.90	1.20
Premier Eq Inc #	404.20	430.00†	- 1.00	4.46
SE Asia	49.29	52.44†	- 0.90	.
Southern Africa	57.98	61.68	+ 0.46	1.32
UK & O'seas	225.00	239.40†	- 2.20	0.85
UK Eqty Gth	92.16	98.04	- 0.37	1.02
UK Eqty Inc #	291.40	310.80	- 0.90	4.19
UK Gth & Inc #	337.80	359.40	- 0.90	3.17
UK Sm Cos	60.87	64.76	- 0.76	1.08
US Growth	252.30	268.40	- 8.00	. .
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	403.42	425.87†	- 6.92	0.74
-do- Accum	447.77	472.70†	- 7.68	0.74
European Grwth	108.78	115.22†	+ 0.56	0.43
Euro Smllr Cos	125.89	133.87†	- 0.21	0.04
Far Eastern Gth	110.40	117.75	- 0.83	
-do- Accum	112.53	120.02	- 0.85	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	54.43	57.35	- 0.11	7.20
Global Bond #	46.96	48.51	- 0.05	5.94
-do- Accum #	57.34	59.24	- 0.06	5.94
Global Emer Mkts	61.53	65.63	- 0.06	.
-do- Accum	61.59	65.69	- 0.06	
Income #	471.35	502.77	+ 1.90	4.66
-do- Accum #	1626.84	1735.32	+ 6.57	4.66
Japan Smllr Cos	336.15	358.55	+ 0.37	.
-do- Accum	336.82	359.27	+ 0.37	.
Japan Enterprise	63.82	68.07	+ 0.16	
Pacific Grth	165.21	176.22	- 1.14	0.40
-do- Accum	171.75	183.19	- 1.19	0.40
Portfolio	105.48	112.41	+ 0.14	1.62
-do- Accum	118.26	126.03	+ 0.15	1.62
Seoul	34.41	36.70†	- 0.01	.
-do- Accum	34.41	36.70†	- 0.01	
Smaller Cos	345.80	368.85†	- 3.18	0.90
-do- Accum	414.17	441.77†	- 3.82	0.90
Strategic Inc	110.33	117.61	+ 0.28	2.51
Strategic Acc	112.19	119.60	+ 0.30	2.51
Tokyo	128.05	136.58	+ 0.49	
-do- Accum	129.34	137.96	+ 0.50	
UK Enterprise	364.05	388.31†	+ 2.95	2.09
-do- Accum	460.97	491.70†	+ 3.73	2.09
UK Equity	338.02	360.55†	+ 2.16	2.35
-do- Accum	698.49	745.04†	+ 4.45	2.35
US Smllr Cos	270.55	286.58†	- 1.72	
-do- Accum	270.55	288.58†	- 1.72	
Institutional Funds				
European	350.46	362.15	- 2.64	1.04
-do- Accum	397.74	412.15	- 2.99	1.04
Euro Smllr Cos	41.09	42.67	- 0.33	0.97
-do- Accum	44.50	46.22†	- 0.32	0.97
Global Equity Inc	102.90	108.07	- 1.68	0.79
Japan Smllr Cos	31.17	32.46†	- 0.19	0.12
-do- Accum	31.52	32.82†	- 0.19	0.12
Mngd Balanced	243.01	253.17	- 0.05	1.63
-do- Accum	290.51	302.67	- 0.06	1.63
Overseas Equity	245.18	255.39†	- 2.51	0.83
-do- Accum	260.32	270.11†	- 2.66	0.83
Overs Smllr Cos	144.37	150.35	- 1.19	0.64
-do- Accum	153.31	159.63	- 1.26	0.64
Pacific	290.55	302.65	- 2.72	1.44
-do- Accum	[illegible]	319.35	- 3.04	1.44
Recovery	2527.17	2632.48	- 5.82	3.00
-do- Accum	2812.10	2929.27	- 6.47	3.00
UK Index	200.10	217.91†	+ 0.32	3.18
-do- Accum	275.17	296.53†	+ 0.42	3.18
UK Small Cos	149.18	154.35	- 1.29	2.49
-do- Accum	165.92	172.94	- 1.71	2.49
US Smllr Cos	73.01	76.05	- 0.46	0.75
-do- Accum	75.12	78.24	- 0.45	0.75
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	67.64	71.63	- 0.26	2.32
Equity Trust	86.87	91.96	- 0.25	2.46
Equity Strategy	98.45	104.07	- 0.38	1.15
European Opps	134.91	142.01		0.54
UK Smaller Cos	93.83	99.65	- 0.76	1.39
Maximum Inc	99.99	102.59	+ 0.07	6.11
Japanese	72.43	76.65	- 0.30	
Asia Pacific	122.71	129.77	- 2.00	0.43
American	161.93	171.14	- 5.15	
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	34.27	34.37		5.89
UK Eq Grth Inc	69.71	74.34	- 0.30	2.08
-do- Accum	94.62	100.89	- 0.48	2.08
Intl Income	331.75	353.90	2.80	1.22
-do- Accum	523.45	627.07	- 4.07	1.42
European	127.44	135.89	- 0.41	1.35
Japan	54.71	58.33		
American	119.75	126.05	- 0.31	0.19
Far East Tact	39.70	35.79	- 3.35	1.17
Ethical Inc	42.54	45.43	- 1.21	1.38
UK Blue Chip Inc	45.71	48.77	- 0.21	1.56
UK Equity Inc	46.22	49.32	+ 0.29	1.38
UK Global Inc	57.65	57.73	+ 0.25	4.17
Wrestle Tact	54.96	58.77	- 0.14	1.85
Europe Tactical	86.75	87.73†	- 0.65	1.01
Technology	177.48	182.24	- 0.14	0.98
			- 7.54	0.17
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	555.30	590.30	+ 3.20	2.20
American	259.80	277.60	- 7.30	0.16
Pacific	411.10	439.70	- 4.10	0.10
European	774.00	822.50	- 4.50	0.55
Worldwide	111.30	118.10	- 0.30	0.71
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	329.40	350.50	- 1.70	2.05
-do- Accum	491.30	525.20	- 2.60	2.05
UK Sh Co Eq Inc	230.90	247.60	- 2.10	0.91
-do- Accum	244.40	257.70	- 2.40	0.91
Select Dpinty Inc	94.15	100.20	+ 0.20	1.76
Income Yield Inc	93.17	99.11	- 0.45	2.91
European Inc	539.20	562.70	- 2.10	0.75
-do- Accum	617.20	654.10	- 0.30	0.75
Far Eastern Inc	134.20	139.00	- 2.50	0.97
-do- Accum	214.30	228.00	- 3.00	0.97
Japanese Inc	17.64	50.21	- 0.91	
Nth American Inc	453.20	418.00	-11.30	0.35
-do- Accum	435.50	463.00	-13.75	0.35
Intl Growth Inc	255.30	271.50	- 2.60	0.41
Trinity Venture Inc	108.10	115.30	- 2.70	6.34
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	451.50	521.60	- 1.50	2.39
-do- Accum	754.40	802.20	- 1.80	2.39
UK High Inc	245.10	262.10	- 0.70	3.71

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	374.30	395.40	- 2.20	2.41
Europe Inc	572.90	605.30	- 0.50	0.32
Nth Amer Inc	365.40	387.10	-12.80	..
Global Inc	288.80	306.10	- 2.40	0.17
Global Acc	312.40	330.10	- 2.60	0.17
UK Spec Sits Inc	146.10	154.30	- 0.40	1.80
South East Asia	220.10	232.80	- 3.90	0.21
Cash Trust Inc	100.30	100.30		5.72
UK Smlr Cos Inc	126.10	133.20	- 0.50	1.81
-do- Accum	133.50	141.00	- 0.50	1.51
Intl Bond Inc	88.97	93.48	- 0.50	4.83
International Strat	88.26	93.46	- 0.60	
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	185.90	195.70	- 1.80	0.36
Nth American	158.70	167.10	- 5.10	
Intl Bond & Conv	129.10	135.90†	- 0.30	6.40
Pooled Pension	258.10	278.60†	- 1.00	1.95
Smaller Cos	120.10	126.40†	- 1.50	0.90
UK General #	182.90	192.60†	- 0.40	2.36
Far Eastern	90.87	95.65	- 0.85	0.19
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 696 8226				
Continental	104.80	110.58	- 1.10	0.85
Global Grth	87.59	92.69	- 1.04	1.09
Inv Tst Port	62.24	66.21	- 0.21	2.31
Managed	1498.30	1594.72	.	1.48
Pref Inc #	107.20	114.00	- 0.40	5.93
Smaller Cos	288.10	306.40	- 3.50	0.61
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	105.02		- 0.02	4.78
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.28	...	+ 0.02	5.24
Corporate Inc ‡	100.17	...	- 0.11	5.36
Tel Pen ‡	120.12		- 0.62	
Adwc ‡	88.21		- 0.02	
Asian Gth Fund ‡	152.39		- 3.68	..
European ‡	109.26		- 0.24	
Global Bond ‡	88.08		- 0.12	7.04
General ‡	59.55		+ 0.06	
UK Growth ‡	114.97		+ 0.42	2.69
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	101.85		- 0.96	3.13
Investment Trust ‡	121.07		- 0.39	2.23
The Football Fd ‡	89.94		- 0.29	
Reserve Roll Up ‡	98.07			
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	486.70	515.20	- 3.40	
Capital	168.90	189.10	- 1.10	1.23
Cash	101.23	101.23	+ 0.03	5.81
European	191.40	202.40†	- 0.30	0.32
Far Eastern	170.50	180.40	- 1.90	
Growth	183.90	194.50	- 1.00	1.41
Income #	147.90	158.50	- 0.80	5.12
Magnum	165.70	175.30†	- 1.00	1.49
Smlr Secs	611.70	647.30	- 5.20	0.12
Thoroughbred	195.80	207.20	- 1.20	1.35
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 435000				
Cntrld Privance	58.45	62.48	- 0.20	7.00
Ethical	85.93	91.90	- 0.64	1.09
European Growth	95.25	101.00†	- 0.10	0.83
Income	66.15	70.74	- 0.08	3.79
Intl Growth	122.50	129.80†	- 2.10	0.06
Managed	105.30	111.30	- 0.60	0.40
UK Growth	84.38	90.24	+ 0.07	2.02
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	51.47	51.73	- 0.20	1.24
Global Advtg Acc	56.26	56.55	- 0.30	1.24
Income Advtg Inc	39.17	39.37†	- 0.10	4.03
Income Advtg Acc	47.02	47.26	- 0.10	4.03
UK Equity Gth Acc	113.30	120.20	- 0.80	1.46
Premier Inc Inc	58.93	51.95†	- 0.10	7.17
Premier Inc Acc	56.96	58.10	- 0.10	7.17
Managed Acc	70.91	75.17	- 0.40	1.51
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	45.71	48.46	- 0.10	4.21
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	61.95	65.67	- 0.10	4.21
UK Smlr Cos Acc	48.77	51.70	- 0.30	0.43
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	89.77	95.39	- 0.30	1.74
UK Equity Gen Inc	63.79	67.78	- 0.20	1.74
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	32.77	34.66	- 0.10	6.41
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	400.70	434.80	- 5.00	1.79
Nth American Acc	67.76	72.00	- 1.80	0.07
Pacific Basin	46.36	49.26	- 0.70	0.46
European Acc	68.24	72.51	- 0.10	0.30
Japan Acc	25.91	27.53	- 0.30	0.57
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (HZS)	5.146	5.465		1.71
US Eqt (US$)	4.295	4.552	..	0.65
Far East Eqts (yen)	281.10	298.60		
FT Europe	178.00	189.00	..	1.04
FT N Amer (US$)	3.337	3.534		..
FT Japan (yen)	202.00	213.20		.
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	3.090	3.283		0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	551.70	583.70	-14.70	
British #	1379.40	1459.40	+ 2.10	3.06
Emerging Mkts	198.50	209.20	- 2.10	0.42
Euro Small Co	65.73	70.09	- 0.25	0.56
Japan	119.20	126.50	- 0.20	
New Pacific	448.40	477.50	- 4.80	1.15
-do- Accum	487.90	519.50	- 4.10	1.15
Inv Trust Acc	322.50	341.80	- 1.10	1.14
Mngd Equity	321.70	334.60	- 1.00	1.93
Mngd Cash	96.38	96.38	+ 0.01	5.82
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 388				
Equity	1221.00	1305.00	+ 5.90	1.66
North America	218.60	233.10	- 6.50	
Far East	167.00	178.60	- 1.90	
Wwide Bond	56.28	58.64	- 0.38	5.64
European	173.20	185.20	- 0.90	0.18
Equity Income #	123.60	132.10†	+ 0.50	4.37
Portfolio	126.50	135.20	- 8.50	
UK Leading Cos	92.78	98.96†	+ 0.56	2.08
High Inc Bond	50.92	51.08†	- 0.10	6.24
Broker Trusts				
Invest Equity	82.74	88.46	- 0.27	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Antares UT	24.51	26.08	- 0.34	0.71
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	100.81	107.25	- 0.22	6.72
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	108.42	115.35	- 0.23	6.72
European	60.77	64.65	- 0.19	0.59
High Income	38.54	41.01	+ 0.06	3.37
Japan	34.30	36.49	- 0.01	0.01
Managed Accum	158.94	169.09	- 0.81	2.36
North American	54.07	57.53	- 1.47	0.05
Smlr Co's Inc	37.63	40.04†	- 0.40	1.88
Smlr Co's Acc	41.69	44.36	- 0.45	1.88
UK Growth Inc	71.96	76.56	+ 0.29	1.99
UK Growth Acc	82.22	87.47	+ 0.33	1.99
UK Income	49.80	53.27†	+ 0.08	2.81
Worldwide Grth	48.82	50.08	- 0.38	0.14
SLC Pensions Funds				
Asian & Oceanic Ex	33.62	34.66	- 0.54	1.21
European Exempt	117.40	121.04	- 0.26	1.27
Japan Exempt	29.40	30.31	- 0.04	0.05
US Exempt	110.15	113.56	- 2.95	1.02
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	61.33	65.24	- 0.46	
Cap Protector Inc	55.90	59.47	+ 0.24	2.06
UK Income Inc	69.67	74.12	+ 0.20	2.48
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	37.25	39.44	+ 0.04	6.52
Mngd High Yld Inc	99.79	106.16†	+ 0.38	3.48
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	98.05	104.31†	+ 0.46	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	42.40	45.11	- 0.39	0.21
Pacific Grth Port	53.89	57.33	- 0.59	0.17
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	351.82	372.30	-11.10	
-do- Accum	387.51	410.07	-12.22	
Brit Growth	136.84	144.80	- 0.02	1.34
-do- Accum	172.41	182.44	- 0.03	1.34
European	149.77	158.49	- 0.46	
-do- Accum	159.97	169.28	- 0.50	
Extra Income #	234.04	247.68	+ 0.22	4.44
-do- Accum #	437.30	462.75	+ 0.42	4.44
Smaller Cos	92.91	98.32	- 0.90	0.82
-do- Accum	106.78	113.00	- 1.04	0.82
General	399.64	422.90	- 0.29	1.66
-do- Accum	861.40	911.53	- 0.63	1.66
Premier Income	53.02	56.23	- 0.09	6.25
-do- Accum	137.55	143.28	- 0.24	6.25
Income #	421.10	445.61†	- 0.80	3.39
-do- Accum #	1006.24	1064.80†	- 1.92	3.39
Pacific	396.24	419.30†	- 3.04	0.14
-do- Accum	416.34	440.58†	- 3.19	0.14
International	700.06	740.81	- 7.31	0.06
-do- Accum	925.08	978.92	- 9.66	0.06
Nat Resources	161.89	171.31	- 3.26	0.37
Gold Opps	143.77	152.14	- 0.29	1.00
-do- Accum	190.24	201.31	- 0.38	1.00
Environmental Inv	92.77	98.17	- 0.32	0.67
Selector	82.02	86.79	- 0.22	1.32
-do- Accum	96.34	101.95	- 0.27	1.32
High Income #	75.64	80.05†	+ 0.06	4.36
-do- Accum #	107.25	113.49†	+ 0.08	4.36
Intl Income	62.10	65.72	- 0.39	4.54
-do- Accum	84.33	89.30	- 0.54	4.54
Selector Income	71.60	75.77	- 0.10	4.16
-do- Accum	92.62	98.01	- 0.13	4.16
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	463.51	487.90	+ 0.19	2.36
European	91.38	95.47†	- 0.06	1.24
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	262.94	278.24	- 2.90	2.61
Glob Balncd Inc	215.84	228.60	- 1.63	3.34
Value Tst Inc	163.66	173.18†	- 0.92	2.36
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	99.45	105.30	+ 0.70	0.50
International	79.65	84.73		
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Cornerstone Eur Bd	39.44	41.01	- 0.34	6.40
European Growth	402.29	421.24	- 1.47	0.80
Extrapl	751.64	784.89	+ 7.97	2.90
Global Em Mkts	95.88	100.39	- 1.98	0.50
Japan Fd	77.27	80.91	- 0.19	
Little Dragons	127.35	133.35	- 1.84	..
Nth Amer Grth	353.40	370.05	-11.07	0.40
Oriental Income #	49.95	52.30	- 0.65	3.60
Preference	136.71	143.15	- 0.04	8.30
Tiger	308.86	323.41	- 3.41	
UK Blue Chip	91.77	96.09	+ 0.81	1.60
UK Growth	752.19	787.63	+ 1.44	0.90
UK High Yield #	129.30	135.39	+ 0.57	5.10
UK Mid-Cap	351.91	368.49	- 2.82	1.69
UK Smlr Cos	142.06	148.73	- 1.85	0.70
UK Smlr Cos Div #	94.55	99.00	- 1.33	5.60
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 396				
UF Eqty Income #	129.26	137.51	- 0.40	4.56
UF Eqty Growth	116.77	124.22	+ 0.54	2.57
European	90.10	95.85		1.15
Nth American	100.57	106.99	- 2.91	0.10
Far Eastern	81.70	86.92†	- 0.86	0.66
Money	73.76	73.76	+ 0.01	4.70
Fixed Interest #	84.38	89.77	- 0.05	7.63
Index Linked Gilt	74.64	79.40	+ 0.13	1.21
VIRGIN DIRECT PPS LTD				
0345 950595				
Income Trust	107.22	107.22	+ 0.22	6.66
Pens Growth	112.77	113.77†		
Pens Inc Protct	105.96	105.96†		
UK Index Tracking	147.69	147.69	+ 0.43	2.80
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7455				
Australasian Gold	22.23	23.51	0.56	
Pacific Basin	43.28	45.56†	- 0.76	.
Global Bond (US$)	0.9342	0.9731†	+ 0.0044	.
Prem Share	45.93	48.35†	- 0.55	
Japan Smlr Cos	38.17	40.18	- 0.35	.
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 3444				
Short Dtd Gilt	127.60	129.00		
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.8013	0.8098		
Gilt Income	51.58	52.39†	....	6.20
Gilt Growth	81.09	82.35		
Sterling Bond	49.78	50.62†		6.80
Challenger	91.79	92.92		1.80
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
UK Stockmarket	65.75	67.13	+ 0.13	1.77
Corporate Bd Inc	115.10	122.40	+ 0.30	2.29
Do Accum	47.97	50.07	+ 0.01	6.27
	52.29	53.09	+ 0.02	6.27

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) † Ex dividend ‡ Middle price .. No significant data # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. xu Ex Charge.

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Equities return to positive territory

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
469	407½	Allied Domecq†	424½	+2	6.9	12.7
626	489½	Bulmer (HP)	436		3.4	14.8
75½	52½	Burn Stewart	54½	+1	7.8	13.6
1040	665	Glenmorangie A†	987½		1.7	24.4
613	425½	Grand Met	585½	-3	3.5	18.6
615½	424	Guinness	582½	-7½	3.5	16.6
380	321½	Highland Distil	328½		3.2	15.4
336	235	Matthew Clark	247½	-½	12.1	11.8
109½	69½	Merrydown W	69½	-1	8.3	9.4
1978½	1462½	SA Breweries†	1816½	-3½	2.1	

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1178¾	918¾	ABN AMRO	1140¾	-3½	2.8	
971	710	Abbey Nat	802	+6	4.1	14.2
655	537½	Alliance & Leic	601	+6½	3.4	14.8
481½	388½	Allied Irish	453½		3.9	13.3
450½	363½	Aus New Z	435¾	-4¾	4.3	..
4159¾	2875	Bank America	3893¾	168¾		
428½	291½	Bank Scotland	385	+7	2.7	11.7
1299	978½	Barclays	1170½	+7½	3.4	11.8
703½	517½	Bk of Ireland	663		3.1	
7890¾	5006¼	Citicorp	7268¾	-188¾		
1759¾	1268½	Commerzbk	1687½	-3½	2.8	
862½	559¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	750	+3½	0.6	
3600	2709¾	Deutsche Bk	3468¾	+53¼	1.8	
1131¼	759½	Espirito Santo	1109¾	-3½	3.2	
911¼	594½	Fuji Bank Y	985	+5¼	0.5	
1944½	1272½	HSBC	1862	+33½	2.8	16.1
1863½	1241	HSBC HK	1793	+26	2.9	16.5
743	714	Halifax	760½	+11	2.4	22.7
610	483½	Irish Perm	555		2.9	..
651	424	Lloyds TSB	628	+18½	2.6	20.1
898¼	669½	Nat Aust Bk	849¼	-5½	4.7	11.8
844½	663½	Nat West	825	+41½	4.4	12.4
663½	508	Rbt Bk Scott	598	+15	4.1	12.9
1046	681	Stand Chart	912½	+38½	2.0	16.4
£164¾	£164¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾		1.9	
374½	315½	Westpac	351½	-6½	4.2	.

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
465½	387½	Electrocomponts†	459	-½	2.1	25.9
228½	130½	Eurodis Elec	134½	-1	4.6	19.2
97½	78½	European Mt	89½	-½	8.1	
283	213	Evans Halshaw	226½	-1	9.1	
53½	40½	Fife Indmar	40½		10.2	8.1
387½	322½	Finelist Grp	323½	-3	3.6	16.4
34½	25½	Gardiner	26¼		4.5	10.0
79¾	57½	Glencheston	64		2.6	12.5
110	82½	Gowrings	95	-2½	3.9	21.6
15¾	11	HR Owen	12½		6.6	11.3
103	71½	Hamlet†	71½	-5	10.7	6.6
267½	237½	Harris (Philip)	242½		5.3	
328½	284½	Headlam†	299½	+1	2.4	19.8
156½	145	Holders Tech	154		5.3	14.1
240½	194½	ISA Intl	194½	-8½	1.8	15.7
309½	240½	Inchcape†	284	+3½	4.6	17.4
72	49½	Jacks (Wm)†	65½		4.3	10.1
275	214½	Kwik-Fit	271½		2.6	19.5
393½	316½	Lex Service	324½	+7	5.3	12.3
122	100	Lookers	107	-1	8.6	7.5
9	5¾	Middlesex	7¾		1.2	17.8
41½	10½	Midsummer	18	-½	3.8	3.7
472	180	Nestoin	180	-2½	5.6	5.0
169½	128½	Northamber	129	-2½	1.4	7.7
352¾	305½	Parlco	314½		3.2	16.5
404½	342½	Pendragon	358½	-1½	3.5	16.6
223½	185½	Perry Gp†	186½	-1	6.0	8.8
751	448	Premier Farnell†	450½	+½	3.3	16.7
152½	124½	Quiete Group	142½		6.1	9.7
357	307½	REA†	353½	..	1.4	43.6
2½	1½	Reco	2			73.3
20	12½	Ronson	14½		12.9	5.0
4	2¼	Ross Gp	3			
109½	78½	Ryland	89	-2	5.6	15.9
38	24	SEP Indl	34	-½	5.8	15.5
97½	40	Saltire	42½		3.6	
415½	341	Time Products	341	4½	4.5	12.7
337	228	UMECO†	314		2.2	
77½	58	United Ocean Gp	73½	-½		15.9
352½	292½	Vardy (Reg)	301½	4	2.8	13.3
685	498½	WF Elect	675		2.5	24.5
41	27½	Wichita	29½	+1½	3.7	
177½	125½	Wyko	125½	-1	2.6	14.7
154½	119½	Young (H)†	141½	-1½	3.8	12.0

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107½	84½	Abacus Recruit	102½		0.6	19.8
210½	170	Cafe Inns	204		1.5	15.7
230	153½	Country Gdest	198½	-3½	1.0	18.2
262½	190	Dawson Hldgs	190		3.2	18.3
51½	38	Freepages	38	-½		
98½	88½	Megalomedia†	97½		0.3	
65	33½	Memory Corp	36			...
590	385	Prism Rail	285			
1365	945	Ramco Egypt	1057½	-7½	0.1	
793	619½	Southern News	736½		3.1	23.9
72½	65½	Southern Vectis	72½		3.3	15.6
510	410	Surrey Fr Ins	475	-10	0.7	32.9
60½	24	Trocadero†	24	-½	...	...

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ▲ Ex rights issue; ▼ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; * Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
108	100	Treas 7% 1997	100	...	7.00	6.53
101	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	100	...	8.72	6.51
106	102	Exch 15% 1997	102		14.60	6.69
103	101	Exch 9¾% 1998	101		9.59	6.72
101	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100		7.23	6.84
110	106	Treas 14% 1998-01	106		13.19	6.93
114	110	Treas 15½% 1998	110		14.08	6.98
109	106	Exch 12% 1998	106		11.26	6.99
105	103	Treas 9½% 1999	103		9.17	7.04
111	108	Exch 12¼% 1999	108		11.30	7.06
108	106	Treas 10½% 1999	106		9.91	6.96
99	96	Treas 6% 1999	98		6.11	7.04
110	108	Conv 10¼% 1999	108		9.60	7.11
105	104	Conv 9% 2000	104		8.61	7.12
104	102	Treas 8% 2000	102		7.79	7.12
119	115	Treas 13% 2000	115		11.23	7.16
112	98	Treas 10% 2001	108		9.18	7.17
101	98	Treas 7% 2001	99		7.04	7.15
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
122	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	110		8.79	7.19
105	102	Treas 8% 2003	104		7.69	7.14
116	111	Treas 10% 2003	113		8.79	7.19
116	113	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113		10.11	7.22
87	82	Fund 3½% 1999-04	86		4.08	5.95
114	109	Conv 9½% 2004	113		8.40	7.16
99	94	Treas 6¾% 2004	97		6.90	7.11
109	104	Treas 8½% 2005	108		7.84	7.15
122	110	Conv 9½% 2005	113		8.35	7.17
129	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126		9.87	7.21
103	98	Treas 7½% 2006	102		7.33	7.15
107	99	Treas 7¾% 2006	103		7.47	7.17
104	100	Treas 8% 2002-06	103		7.77	7.29
122	116	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120		9.78	7.22
111	105	Treas 8½% 2007	109		7.77	7.18
102	96	Treas 7¼% 2007	100		7.19	7.13
115	108	Treas 9% 2008	113		7.90	7.18
107	101	Treas 8% 2009	106		7.52	7.20
LONGS (over 15 years)						
95	89	Treas 6¼% 2010	91		6.82	7.22
117	109	Conv 9% 2011	115		7.79	7.22
118	109	Treas 9% 2012	116		7.75	7.22
87	80	Treas 5½% 2008-12	86		6.36	6.97
109	100	Treas 8% 2013	107		7.45	7.22
108	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104		7.40	7.23
109	101	Treas 8% 2015	108		7.39	7.18
117	103	Treas 8¾% 2017	116		7.54	7.22
111	101	Tr 8% 2021	109		7.31	7.16
UNDATED						
49	43	War Ln 3½%	48		7.24	...
34	30	Treas 2½%	33		7.37	
54	49	Consols 4%	53		7.52	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
114	113	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	114		.	2.81
187	184	Treas IL 2½% 2001	185		2.92	3.60
184	180	Treas IL 2½% 2003	182		3.14	3.63
120	117	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	117		3.18	3.61
195	190	Treas IL 2% 2006	192		3.29	3.62
176	170	Treas IL 2½% 2009	172		3.36	3.62
183	176	Treas IL 2½% 2011	179		3.30	3.63
150	144	Treas IL 2½% 2013	147		3.43	3.63
161	150	Treas IL 2½% 2016	157		3.44	3.63
154	147	Treas IL 2½% 2020	151		3.50	3.66
128	122	Treas IL 2½% 2024	125		3.50	3.65
126	119	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	123		3.50	3.64

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An insider reveals the background to the crisis at the Royal Opera House

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Renée Fleming scores a personal triumph as a dazzling Manon at the Bastille in Paris

■ OPERA 3

. . . but at the Barbican John Eliot Gardiner miscalculates the tone of Stravinsky's *Rake's Progress*

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Garsington gives a fine British stage premiere to Richard Strauss's *Die ägyptische Helena*

OPERA: Renée Fleming makes Manon her own in Paris. Plus how to rebuild the House for the people, and other reviews

How to storm the Bastille

Manon
Paris

Renée Fleming has always relished the big challenge. The American soprano is usually at her best when the most demanding aria arrives or a testing new role is taken on. Challenges do not come much larger than *Manon*, especially when sung in Paris. But Fleming took the risk of the Bastille for her debut and the result was a personal triumph. Her Manon is in the great tradition of de los Angeles and Cotrubas.

After establishing her reputation as a Mozart singer Fleming has been moving gently into the French repertoire. with Gounod's Marguérite and Massenet's Herodiade. Manon is made of sterner vocal stuff than either. She may claim to be quite overwhelmed when she steps out at the coaching inn at Amiens. but the gurgle of laughter in her voice suggests that despite best parental intentions she is hardly convent material. In Gilbert Deflo's production she spots the attractions of Des Grieux before he notes hers.

Fleming handles this opening scene with delicious girlish coquetry. although she has not yet come to terms with the Manon of Act II, where personal greed prevails over puppy love. Once Manon is established as the catch of Paris Fleming starts dazzling again. The Cours-la-Reine scene is given the full treatment by Deflo: jugglers, tightrope walkers, flame swallowers and a visit from the Opéra-Ballet. She has all the vocal equipment to make the switch from the coloratura of Manon's gavotte to the impassioned seduction of Des Grieux. And Fleming is equally powerful at charting Manon's downward curve before she dies, repenting her frivolous and selfish life. beneath a single evening star on the road to Le Havre.

Around her the Bastille has assembled a strong and sharply characterised cast. Richard Leech is a French opera specialist, although surprisingly this was his house debut. His Des Grieux is winningly sung, especially in the middle register, and in excellent French.

The two Americans were supported by homegrown singers, led by Jean-Luc Chaignaud's Lescaut. personable and warmly sung. A young baritone to watch. At the other end of the age spectrum 70-year-old Michel Sénéchal delighted his personal following as the equally elderly roué, Guillot, with his trio of mistresses. Other notable contributions came from Laurent Naouri (Father Des Grieux) and Franck Ferrari (Brétigny).

William Orlandi fills the stage of the Bastille with a huge wooden rotunda which takes its colour from the dark blue sky of the last act. It breaks up easily into segments as required, but casts a gloomy shadow on the pleasure-seeking in the first half. And it offers little intimacy for the lovenest of Act II or the gaming rooms of Act IV.

Gilbert Deflo's staging is fluid and fast moving. Gary Bertini conducts with a light but fastidious touch until the chips are down at the gambling tables of the Hotel de Transylvanie. Then he gives Massenet full throttle.

JOHN HIGGINS

● *Manon continues in repertory until July 12, but Renée Fleming does not sing on July 4 or 12*

MOATTI-MAHOUDEAU

Down but not out: a triumphant Renée Fleming with Richard Leech in Massenet's *Manon*

A classic rarity revealed

Agyptische Helena
Garsington

RICHARD STRAUSS's *Die ägyptische Helena (The Egyptian Helen)* has not previously been staged in this country, and rarely heard at all. The Royal Opera scheduled two concert performances next season, and was none too pleased to find it had been preempted by Garsington Opera, to whom goes the honour of the UK premiere.

Was the hostile reception at the 1928 Dresden premiere justified? And why has it taken so long to reach here? In fact, it has been neglected in Germany too, and it is no coincidence that it is resurrected in a climate sympathetic to the old-fashioned virtues of lyrical melody and ingratiating harmony. Contemporary critics rebuked the composer for his reversion to a reactionary style, but the work has continued to be criticised more for the density of Hofmannsthal's symbolism.

The great achievement of David Fielding's production is its elucidation of that symbolism. The opera fills in the gap in the story of Helen of Troy between her return with the avenging Menelaus and the blissful domesticity they were enjoying some years later. It was not Helen, by this account, that went off to Troy with Paris, but a lookalike phantom; the real Helen was whisked away to Egypt.

Fielding sets the action on one of his skewed stages with the main characters gaudily attired in modern dress. The enigmatic Omniscient Mussel (Rebecca de Pont Davies) is embodied by a black-wraithed figure, miming in unison with her mistress, Aithra. A band of desert warriors, in attendance on the chieftain Altair and his son Da-ud (Roderick Earle and Nicholas Sears, both excellent), brings the action up to date: Saudi dealers bearing gifts in briefcases.

Fielding's direction and design focus brilliantly on the central issues: marital fidelity, the tensions arising from breaches of it, and the guilt inspired in the "innocent" party. Those who followed the libretti should not have had too much difficulty penetrating the fantastical trappings of this much-maligned work.

If the tone of Susan Bullock's Helen, generally radiant, had an occasionally harsh edge, that is consistent with Hofmannsthal's conception of her as "demonic". The American tenor John Horton Murray had a courageous stab at the taxing role of Menelaus, while Helen Field was admirable as Aithra. Conductor Elgar Howarth matched the clarity of the production with the realisation of his own skilful edition for 55 players.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Crisis of identity

Rake's Progress
Barbican

FEW modern operas have been recorded more often than *The Rake's Progress*. But as John Eliot Gardiner's performance with the London Symphony Orchestra and a line-up of Deutsche Grammophon soloists gave notice, another is on its way, and miracles of recording science will have to be worked if it is not to sound as feeble as it did in the Barbican Hall.

With the exception of the polished Nick Shadow of Bryn Terfel. the cast was less than ideal. Yet the underlying problem seemed to be with Gardiner's conception of the work, and the conductor lacked his trademark blazing conviction. He seemed unable to decide how modern Stravinsky's neoclassical masterpiece is, or how ironic its tone should be. Coming as it does in Stravinsky's output after a series of anti-operatic music theatre works, was it his truce with operatic tradition, and is the irony tender rather than scornful?

Perhaps it is both, because a good *Rake* has both pungency and poetry. This was neither hard-driven nor lyrical, though the LSO played with finesse. The clue to this *Rake*'s identity crisis came in the casting, which appeared to equate Neo-Classicism with "early music" voices.

The biggest casualty of this casting was Deborah York's Anne Trulove. York has a fresh, appealing soprano, but was unequal to the demands of the role. Ian Bostridge was a disappointingly bland Tom Rakewell, not least because he lacked the dramatic presence even for this semi-staged performance. Peter Bronder, as Sellem, displayed the tenorial strength needed in the title role.

Anne Howells was an amusingly coarse Mother Goose. Anne Sofie von Otter spoilt her strongly sung Baba the Turk by overdoing the comedy, but the Monteverdi Choir struck the right balance with its lively, incisive singing. All were overshadowed by Terfel's vivid devil, who stole the show with singing in a class above the rest.

JOHN ALLISON

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CHANGING TIMES

The show must go on, but cheaper

Patrick Carnegy
offers the Heritage Secretary his ideas on Covent Garden

For four years I held a senior post in Jeremy Isaacs's administration of the Royal Opera House. Since I left in 1992, I have been an unsurprised observer of the crescendo of troubles to which the House has been subject. The interest shown by the new Heritage Secretary, Chris Smith, in resolving these troubles prompts me to venture a few thoughts.

The offence that rankles most is that a single arts institution should command so large a slice of public funding while remaining beyond the purse of all but the well-off. That is something which Smith says he is determined to tackle. Incredible though it may seem, the Isaacs regime tried hard to do so but was defeated by a tide running the other way. Partly this was a product of Thatcherism, partly of the recession.

By 1991-92 the proportion of the House's costs met by public subsidy had fallen from 56 per cent over the previous decade to 37 per cent. That figure was less than half the proportion of funding received by comparable opera houses on the Continent. The subsidy to the Royal Opera company (as distinct from the House's two ballet companies) was running at no more than 32 per cent.

To stay in business the management had little option but to seek private funding (which peaked at 19 per cent of revenue in 1991-92) and to jack up seat prices. I continue to wonder whether a better option would not have been to follow the RSC's successful gambit at the Barbican and close the House until funds to be up and running at sensible prices were forthcoming.

But no, the show went on. Artists and their backstage colleagues rode through cuts and every imaginable blow to their morale to continue to deliver world-class performances. The villains, obviously enough, were the profligate and incompetent administrators. Whatever the limited truth in that belief, the heart of the matter lies elsewhere.

The disease from which the House is suffering is that of its identity in the community. It has become neither a public institution, reasonably accessible to all, nor a private one supported by its patrons for their own exclusive enjoyment. The New York Met and Glyndebourne Festival Opera are examples of the latter. There is no confusion about where the money is coming from, and thus no cause for public animus.

While Covent Garden continues to receive public money, yet remains palpably out of reach to so many, it will continue to stir the wrath of the populace at large. If Smith wants to see a House of which the nation can be truly proud — as one imagines it is of the National Theatre, the Tate and National Galleries, the British Museum and libraries throughout the land — he has to put a great deal more money into it, not less. It is either that, or privatisation.

Funding at a higher level will need to be accompanied by major changes in the way the House is run. The directors can no longer be allowed to be drawn so disproportionately from the seriously wealthy, who are offered a soupçon of control (and often very much more than that) in return for their cash. The processes of their selection and accountability need to be redesigned. There will, of course, need to be a commitment to make a far higher proportion of seats available at generally affordable prices, and to expand the valiant education work that has been sustained, largely unsung, for years.

There is much to be done to develop an awareness — especially difficult in Britain, which is only really comfortable with the notion that the arts are entertainment and to be paid for as such — that opera and ballet, no less than the theatre, literature and the visual arts, are part of the lifeblood of a civilised society.

With a theatre of little more than 2,000 seats "accessibility" will always be constrained but, yes, big-screen relays to the piazza are a help. Far more important is to increase the number of Proms weeks, until now privately sponsored, so that every major new opera and ballet production can be seen at modest cost by anyone prepared to queue round the block for an hour or two before thronging the carpet where the stalls seats usually are. There could be no more opportune time than the imminent closure for a once-and-for-all renegotiation of contracts so that each and every production of significance will be broadcast by radio or television to the country at large.

But no matter what the new financial and administrative arrangements are, the Royal Opera company will command unconditional artistic respect, internally and externally, only when it is seen to have at its head a music director with the will and commitment to determine artistic policy and practice at every level.

Such was or is the case with the companies run by Mahler, Klemperer, Solti, Levine and Barenboim. That is how a house becomes truly great. The Royal Opera House deserves no less.

● *The author was dramaturge (literary director) of the Royal Opera House from 1988 to 1992*

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Is Brunel's Great Western Railway a heritage site fit to rank with the Pyramids? **Marcus Binney** reports

BRIDGEMAN ART LIBRARY

Turner's ***Rain, Steam and Speed, Great Western Railway***, now in the National Gallery, was inspired by Brunel's new Maidenhead Bridge

Here is a bold idea: designate the whole of the Great Western Railway from Paddington to Bristol Temple Meads as a World Heritage Site, to stand alongside Stonehenge, the Pyramids, the Acropolis and the Taj Mahal.

The idea comes from Sir Neil Cossons, the tireless director of the Science Museum, who explains: "Brunel's Great Western is the earliest major inter-city line in the world that is anything like complete, with the termini at both ends, as well as all the civil engineering works, Maidenhead Bridge, the Hanwell Viaduct, the Box Tunnel and Swindon Railway Village."

The problem is that in the past six years Britain has put forward only two new candidates for consideration as World Heritage Sites. One is Edinburgh Castle; the other Maritime Greenwich (set to win approval this summer). That's on top of our initial burst of 13, which included Hadrian's Wall and Blenheim Palace.

Meanwhile, France, Spain and India have sped ahead, and Italy is bringing forward 11 applications this year alone, including the amphitheatre in Verona, the palaces of the House of Savoy in Piedmont, the botanical gardens in Padua, the cultural landscape of Amalfi, as well as Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Spain is placing all its great historic towns on the list, and this year will see the Art Nouveau Palace of Catalan Music and the Hospital de Sant Pau in Barcelona added to the Gaudi masterpieces already included.

To be designated a World Heritage Site, you must first be on your country's "tentative list". Britain's, dating back to 1985, is a shambles. St David's was turned down, a cluster of Cambridge colleges was withdrawn. Chatsworth and Stourhead, although clearly worthy, are not being pushed, and the only real credit goes to the Isle of Man for getting both Peel Castle and Cregneash village included.

> ❛ The World Heritage list prompts countries to care better for their monuments ❜

Among historic towns, York, Winchester and Chester would dearly love to join Bath on the list, but as of now the industrial archaeologists look set to make the running. Ironbridge Gorge, as the cradle of the Industrial Revolution, got in early, and Cossons argues: "Our one incontestable claim is Britain's pre-eminence in the Industrial Revolution. We have to put forward a list of half a dozen top sites for designation by the new millennium."

For a long while Unesco's World Heritage Committee, composed mainly of architects, art historians and diplomats, was suspicious of industrial heritage. Now it is softening. Finland won recognition for a fantastic paper mill at Verla with all its machinery intact and a history spanning three centuries. "It's just as it was when the last workers walked out in 1970," says Henry Cleere, the British archaeologist who marshals the applications at the headquarters of the International Council on Monuments and Sites in Paris.

One of Britain's problems is our determination to turn everything into scrap. The 1930s turbine hall of Battersea Power Station, the cathedral of electricity, was butchered. "There's not one trace above ground of many of the steel works which used to be the power houses of British industry," Cleere says.

The Germans learnt this lesson and when they stepped in to buy the great iron works at Völkingen in the Saarland, they paid full scrap value to secure it intact.

Even though the British invented the railway, the Austrians got in there first with the nomination of the Simmeringbahn, part of the line from Vienna to Venice. "It's a stupendous and early piece of civil engineering, breathtaking in its audacity," Cleere says.

So just how important is primacy? Robert Owen's model mill village at New Lanark was turned down because the French claimed there were earlier such communities, and now the Italians have slipped in with a remarkable textile company town at Crespi d'Adda, inspired by Owen.

Britain's great naval dockyards, notably Portsmouth, also numbered among the world's industrial power houses, but the Swedes have raced ahead by nominating their superb dockyard at Karlskrona. Yet Portsmouth, Chatham with its working ropery, and the spectacular Royal William Victualling Yard at Plymouth are almost equal candidates.

Cossons wonders whether imperialist overtones might count against us here. "Not a problem," says Cleere. "The list includes Spanish colonial towns in South America, not to mention Edward I castles in Wales."

Another candidate is the Forth Bridge. But, Cossons acknowledges, this may be "a stupendous landmark, but it is not the world's first steel bridge". Instead the Americans look set to win recognition for the mighty Brooklyn Bridge. "We may have 19 Gothic cathedrals on the list, but I'm not sure the World Heritage Committee will want more than one bridge, railway, dockyard, canal or dam," Cleere says.

Other candidates for Britain's industrial shortlist are the Arkwright Mills at Cromford, Derbyshire, a group of Cornish mining landscapes, Albert Dock in Liverpool and Pont Cysyllte, the cast-iron canal viaduct across the Vale of Llangollen.

The published criteria for the World Heritage list are quite broadly drawn, including monuments, groups of buildings and sites combining the work of man and nature. They must be deemed of outstanding universal value and meet the test of authenticity (although the reconstructed historic centre of Warsaw is included). They can be masterpieces of creative genius or testimonies to civilisations living or vanished.

With the inclusion of the Bauhaus at Weimar and Dessau, the way is open for 20th-century nominations. Brasilia got in when it played host to the committee and nominated itself. The Sydney Opera House was sailing forward when it was withdrawn because of a nasty little row between Canberra and New South Wales.

The Dutch have a group of windmills in the pipeline; the French won approval last year for the great Canal du Midi, although no one has yet nominated Suez or Panama.

The World Heritage list may simply be a list of superlatives, but it prompts countries to care better for their monuments, as a proper management plan is required for inclusion. With Britain set to rejoin Unesco, Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, can show that, where world-class heritage is concerned, he can do better than some of his recent predecessors.

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

NELL CATCHPOLE

Age: 24.

Profession: Viola player/violinist.

Magnificent seven: She is joint artistic director of the gogmagogs, the string septet gaining wide acclaim for their unorthodox and theatrical performances of specially composed pieces by the likes of Roger Eno and Jane Gardner.

Hear and now: Their second show, *The gogmagogs gigagain*, which features 12 new pieces, is at the Bridewell Theatre until July 5 as part of the City of London Festival.

Musicians on a mission: The gogs (Catchpole on viola, plus three violins, two cellos and a double bass) have clear artistic aims: "We are trying to reinvent the role of the classical string player by removing the music stands, memorising the music and releasing the physical expressiveness of our ensemble playing."

Which means? "We might steal each other's instruments in the middle of a piece, or play while lying flat on our backs."

Classical training: She performed at the Barbican as a member of Pro Corda, the national school for young chamber musicians. A degree in social anthropology was followed by postgraduate work at the Guildhall.

Big break: "My mother had been at art school with Brian Eno and bumped into him in a supermarket in Suffolk when I was 16. He needed a string player for something."

Session work: She played on U2's Eno-produced album, *Achtung Baby*. "I hadn't really heard of them, and on the first day I was sitting next to Adam Clayton, and I said: 'What do you do around here?' They loved that."

The future? "I want to keep going with the flow. But there's a streak in me that likes going to the edge of things."

DANIEL ROSENTHAL

First the sexy tango, then an orgy of violins

Noël Goodwin sees this year's Meltdown music festival get under way

Three programmes at the weekend launched this year's Meltdown series of musical medleys on the South Bank, directed this time by Laurie Anderson, who is nothing if not eclectic in her selection.

She began by inviting the virtuoso violinist Gidon Kremer to show his more vibrantly expressive manner in *Hommage à Piazzolla*, a tribute to Astor Piazzolla, the master of the new Argentine tango, who died in 1992. Kremer's fondness for his music is already represented on disc, and in concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall it had its magical moments as well as its more diffuse stretches.

Kremer shared the platform with three no less accomplished partners, the Norwegian Per Arne Glorvigen, with his subtly controlled bandoneon (something like a large concertina), the Russian Vadim Sakharov as a pianist of varied textures, and Austria's Alois Posch, whose double bass offered a foundation of rhythm and firm timbre.

The tango rhythm was more often implied and mercifully not thumped at us; a Piazzolla tango has about as much relation to the European ballroom as a Chopin waltz to imperial Vienna, although its mood is predominantly one of languid melancholy.

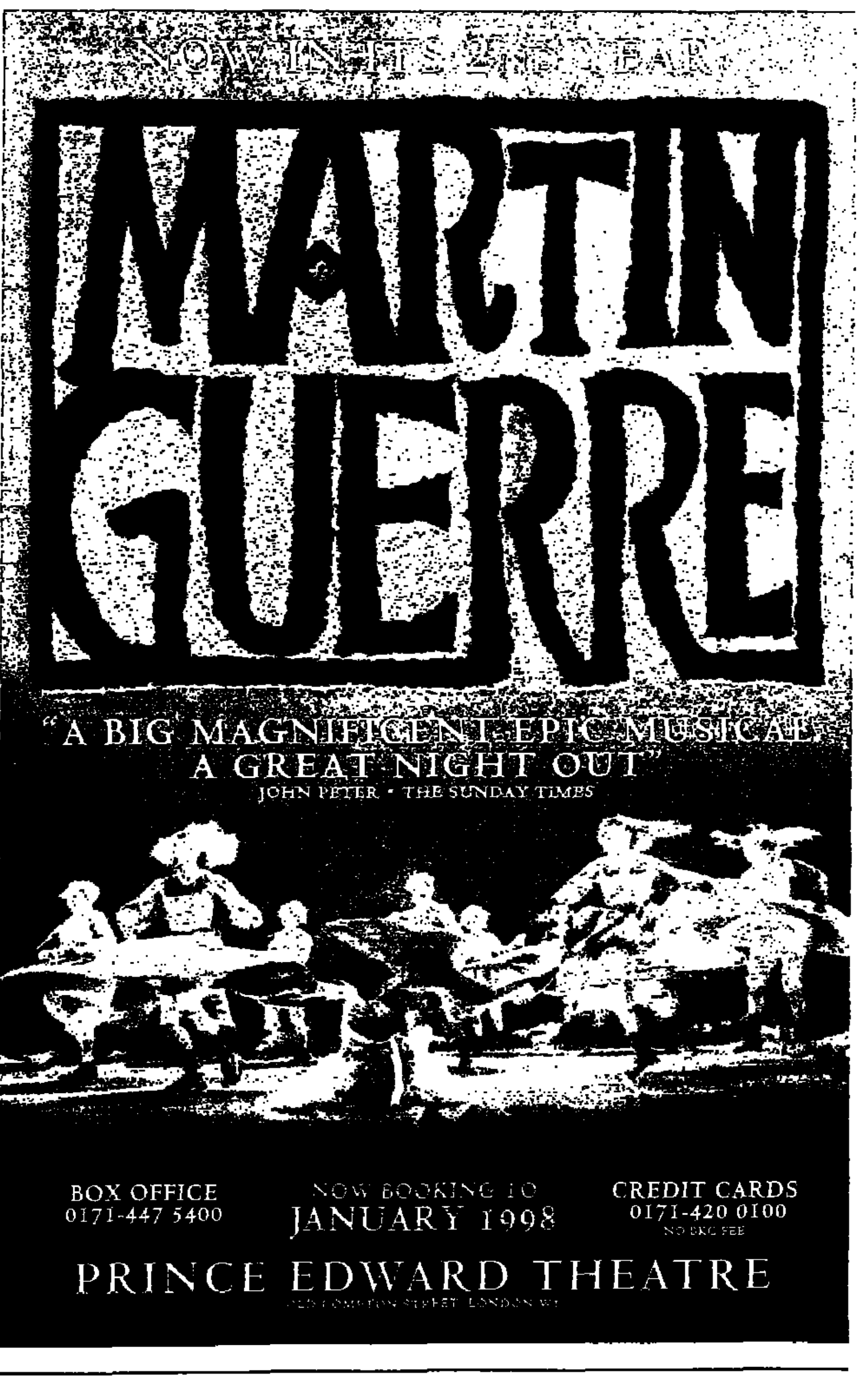
There were exceptions, like the chirpy and sensual *Decarissimo*, and the fantasia-like *Grand Tango* for violin and piano, with its bravura element and echoes of Stravinsky. One of the *Two Tango Etudes* for violin alone was reminiscent of Paganini or Sarasate. Every number was contained well within harmonic convention, including the heavier dance rhythm of *Instead of a Tango* by Kancheli, the first of several encores which otherwise reverted to Piazzolla as a composer of engaging appeal if limited range.

Kremer was back the next night to lead the Meltdown Ensemble as soloist in the premiere of what George Pelecis titles *Very Serious Variations on the Etude No 2 by Kreutzer*, actually a good practice piece for the violin in scalic passage work, which Kremer dispatched with amused enthusiasm under the conducting of Simon Wills. They were surrounded by the rest of the massed *100 Violins* (as the programme was called), each listed by name on the programme sheet.

Anderson was on hand to lead her own Tape Bow Quartet, an invented instrument of hers with a tape playback head on the violin's body and a strip of recorded tape on the bow handily mixing sound sources to diverting effect. The fashionable mix of natural and electronic sounds was basic to various works by Joe Townsend, one of which added a couple of good tap-dancers for good measure, and the concluding *Diabolo* — reassembling all the participants — built a reel or jig into a mighty crescendo that had the audience cheering.

After an unannounced 90 minutes in which the audience was left to kick its heels in the foyer while a group of violinists belted out more reels, jigs and other odds and ends, we returned to hear Ashley MacIssac, something of a Canadian cult figure, and his Kitchen Devils play what was somewhere described as "Celtic grunge".

This was a rock group inflicting grievous bodily harm on some inoffensive jigs, with MacIssac a maverick violinist apparently trying to stamp a hole in the stage. It sounded as if it could go on all night and, for all I know, may have done so.



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Cardiff Singer of the World, Guang Yang, performs a winner's concert

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Kathryn Hunter brings her ground-breaking Lear to London

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Hollywood actress Kathleen Turner plays the naughty Tallulah Bankhead

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

CARDIFF SINGER OF THE WORLD. This evening's concert by Guang Yang, the 1997 Cardiff Singer of the World, and Christopher Maltman, the Lieder prize winner, includes Debussy's *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*, extracts from Beethoven's *Leonore No 3* Verdi's *La Forza del Destino* and Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*. With the BBC National Orchestra of Wales under conductor Siân Edwards.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight, 7.30pm ♿

CHOREOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP: A showcase for the choreographic talent of dancers from the Rambert Dance Company, with works ranging in length from five to 20 minutes.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (0181-741 2255). Tonight, 8pm. ♿

DON PASQUALE: English National Opera, in a co-production with Opera North, performs Patrick Mason's staging of Donizetti's good-humoured comedy, set in 1950s Rome. With Richard Angas in the title role and Mary Hegarty as Norina.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then June 27 6.30pm, June 30, July 2 and 4, 7.30pm. ♿

THE GOGMAGOGS: As part of the City of London Festival, this innovative group of seven stringed-instrument players presents gigagam, an 80-minute fusion of physical movement and contemporary compositions, from big band blues and classical to Western electro-acoustic and Arabic traditions of improvisation. Lucy Bailey directs.
Bridewell, Bride Lane, EC3 (Barbican Box Office 0171-638 8891). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then tomorrow, Friday, Monday, July 2 and 3, 9pm, July 1, 4 and 5, 7.30pm.

KING LEAR: Kathryn Hunter goes where no English-speaking actress has gone before, into the title role of Shakespeare's suffering monarch in a modern-dress, visionary production by Helena Kaut-Howson. First seen at Leicester Haymarket.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Previews begin tonight, 7pm. Opens July 2, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7pm; mats Sat, 2pm. Until August 2.

ELSEWHERE

CAMBRIDGE: A Gardener's Roses is an exhibition of watercolours and drawings of roses, including examples by Nicolas Robert, Pierre-Joseph Redouté and Pieter Withoos.
Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street (01223 332900). Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.15-5pm. Until Sept 28.

CHICHESTER: Kathleen Turner in Sandra Ryan Heyward's one-woman show, ***Tallulah!*** Dietrich called Miss Bankhead "the most immoral woman who ever lived", and no doubt we shall hear all about it.
Minerva Studio, Oaklands Park (01243 781312). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm. Opens July 1, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs (July 3, 10) and Sats, 2.45pm. Until July 12.

DUNDEE: Five flamenco artists from Seville, who together form **Jaleo Flamenco**, present an evening of dance, song, and guitar rhythms.
Rep, Tay Square (01382 223530). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. ♿

LONDON GALLERIES

Brunei: Chinese Textiles from the Addis Bequest (0171-637 2388). **Camden Arts Centre**: Daniel Sturgis On-Site Project (0171-435 2643). **Cattlo**: David Napp (0171-435 6660). **Design Museum**: The Coca-Cola Bottle (0171-378 6055). **Dulwich Picture**: Stephen Cox (0181-693 5254). **Goethe-Institut**: Home Exit (0171-411 3400). **Grosvenor**: Lissitsky (0171-629 0891). **Harriet Green**: Purely Painting (0171-287 8328). **National**: Cranach: A Closer Look (0171-747 2885). **Tom Blau**: Graphic Design from Southwark College (0171-378 1300).

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
▨ **Some seats available**
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☐ **ALWAYS:** Believe it or not, the king and Mrs Simpson story set to music, starring Jan Hartley and Clive Carter.
Victoria Palace, Victoria Street, W1 (0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **ART:** David Haig, Anton Lesser, Mark Williams in this drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white painting.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Until October 4.

▨ **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST:** Disney's film turned into a hit Broadway musical. Julie-Alanah Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

▨ **THE BIRDS:** Aristophanes in a racy translation by Stephen Greenhorn that turns the two Athenians into mountaineering Scots.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until June 27.

■ **CLOSER:** In Patrick Marber's new play, directed by himself, Sally Dexter and Liza Walker, Ciaran Hinds and Clive Owen play strangers who fall romantically but cruelly in love.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. In rep.

☐ **LOVE ME SLENDER:** Jenny Funnell plays the organiser at the Tunbridge Wells "Slim for Life" dieting club in Vanessa Brooks's comedy, directed by Auriol Smith.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs (July 3 and 10), 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. Until July 12.

■ **THE MAIDS:** Niamh Cusack and Kerry Fox play the title roles, in Genet's over-heated but sometimes compelling drama of obsession.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM:** Rachel Kavanaugh's delightful production, alert to the comedy and the mystery. Edwardian costumes.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm, mats, 2.30pm. *All's Well That Ends Well* joins the repertoire in June.

▨ **TWILIGHT OF THE GOLDS:** Controversial play from Broadway by Jonathan Tolins in which a gay opera designer (Jason Gould) learns that his scientist brother-in-law (Mark Hadfield) has discovered his baby will be gay. Shall he abort it? Polly James directs a passionate issue play.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 2132). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Until August 2.

▨ **WAITING FOR GODOT:** Peter Hall, who directed the British premiere in 1955, directs Alan Howard and Ben Kingsley in a revival of Beckett's first and finest drama.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 2651). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm. Opens June 27, 7.30pm. In rep.

LONG RUNNERS

▨ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072). ▨ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Criterion (0171-369 1737). ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar**: Lyceum (0171-656 1807). ☐ **Martin Guerre**: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400). ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443). ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020). ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400). ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054). ▨ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE CHAMBER** (12): Gloomy Death Row drama, from John Grisham's novel, with Chris O'Donnell and Gene Hackman. Director, James Foley.
Empire ♿ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **THE DEVIL'S OWN** (15): New York cop Harrison Ford unwittingly shelters Brad Pitt's IRA terrorist. Foolish drama, directed by Alan J. Pakula.
Greenwich (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0181-315 4212) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031)

INTIMATE RELATIONS (15): Tiresome black comedy set in 1950s Britain, with Julie Walters and Rupert Graves. Director, Philip Goodhew.
Virgin Haymarket (0171-839 1527)

KAMA SUTRA (18): Sexual games in 16th-century India. Decorative but pointless drama from director Mira Nair.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

MARVIN'S ROOM (12): Family squabbles, pain and love, explored with a fine cast (Meryl Streep, Diane Keaton, Leonardo DiCaprio). Director, Jerry Zaks.
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Sizwe Bansi is alive

THEATRE

Ramzy Abul Majd
Ambassadors

In Athol Fugard's *Sizwe Bansi is Dead* the labourer of the title, illegally looking for a job in apartheid South Africa, relieves himself on a pile of rubbish, only to find that it is actually a tattered corpse. It is his big chance, since the dead man's pocket contains a passbook that allows the bearer the freedom to live and work where he wants. He hesitates a moment, for the prospect of taking someone else's identity sickens him — but, given his hungry family back home, what choice has he?

It surely says much about the current state of the Middle East peace process that George Ibrahim, the doyen of the Palestinian theatre, has felt impelled to tranpose Fugard's plot to modern Israel. His Al-Kasaba playhouse is in East Jerusalem and, thanks to suicide bombs and security cordons, regularly finds itself barred to audiences living only a few miles away.

But Palestinian actors are not, of course, the prime victims of politics and bureaucracy. Without the right papers and the right stamps on them, ordinary workers from Gaza and the West Bank might as well live on Mars or Venus, so perilous is it to rely on permanent work in fortress Israel.

Like Fugard's old Market Theatre in Johannesburg, Al-Kasaba is an impoverished outfit. But the simple staging the piece gets from Mohammad Bakri, far from being a regrettable necessity, adds to the punch and immediacy of a piece whose overall tenor is anyway pretty clear.

Sizwe Bansi has become *Ramzy Abul Majd*, in Ahmad Abu Sal'oum's lovely performance a small, harried figure somewhat reminiscent of a Charlie Chaplin with ulcers. When we meet him, he is posing for a photographer. Then come the flashbacks that explain both how he got the ID that now brings him a regular income in Jaffa, and why there is still something edgy and forlorn about Sal'oum's looks and body language.

Husam Abu Eshee appears not only as the photographer, but as a cynical Israeli policeman and as the friend who, in the evening's most accessible scene, rehearses him in his new, *privileged role* as the gentleman they found dead in a trash can: Abdallah Abul Fawares.

This is one of the last openings in this year's Lift season, but also one of the most worthwhile. The acting of these Palestinians is excellent, combining as it does physical volatility with a precise and highly disciplined realism. Their voice matters as much as any in our riven world, yet is seldom heard in Britain. I cannot think of a better example of the sort of piece an international theatre festival should be importing.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

MARILYN KINGWILL

Husam Abu Eshee takes Ahmad Abu Sal'oum's picture, and gives him a chance of a new life in *Ramzy Abul Majd*

Romance in his soul

POP

Maxwell
Albert Hall

"LONDON, can I have this dance tonight?" requested Maxwell. A hundred minutes and many a soulful smooch and jam later, it was carriages at 11pm after one of the more romantic musical affairs of the season.

In fact, the affair has been smouldering for a while: as the Brooklyn-born R&B stylist pointed out gratefully, times have moved on since he took a modest London bow 18 months ago at the Hanover Grand. "Look what you did," he said, gazing proudly about this new Maxwell house.

Tenancy in such stately surroundings may seem surprising, since Maxwell has never reached the Top 20 of either our album or singles surveys, but his debut set, *Maxwell's Urban Hang Suite*, has been grappling towards six-figure sales here, and is already past a million in America. Its appealing espousal of old-school R&B values has placed the 23-year-old in the vanguard of what has come to be called "nu classic soul".

Live as on disc, the usual audio bibliography may be evident, his soul redolent with Gaye, Brown and Prince, but imbued with a customised freshness of spirit. Both in song and demeanour Maxwell reaches beyond the sexual and back to the romantic.

The stage recalled a Soul Train television set of the 1970s, except that the lighting and choreography were studies in contemporary elegance. *Dancewitme* set the mood with its update of disco and funk heritage. The potency of the occasion was unleashed when the singer invited his disciples to their feet for *Sumthin' Sumthin'*. They did not need asking twice.

High spots included a delicate remake of Kate Bush's *This Woman's Work*, and his epic ode to amorous stamina, *'Til The Cops Come Knocking*. Stamina was also the key to a jubilant final encore piece that ran for 17 minutes. This may be bedroom soul, but it works just fine in other quarters.

PAUL SEXTON

No hero in Hercules

CONCERT

Hercules
St James, Piccadilly

THE LIBRETTO of Handel's *Hercules*, by the Rev Thomas Broughton, was created in such a way that the composer had all the raw material he needed for a powerfully theatrical "musical drama". The story presents Hercules less as a hero than as the victim of his wife Dejanira's jealousy.

Though it clearly can be, and has been, effectively staged, *Hercules* was given a concert performance at the Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music by the St James Baroque Players and the choir of Clare College, Cambridge, under Ivor Bolton. An admirably realised one it was too, doing justice to the dark emotional intensity of the many slow numbers without losing the overall momentum. The characterisation was sharply profiled by conductor and players too, and the fresh-voiced, impressively secure choir (director Timothy Brown) made a major contribution.

The only quibble was with the casting of Hercules and Dejanira. Alastair Miles's large, sonorous voice is enormously effective in later operatic repertoire, but is not ideal for Handel. Its very size makes it difficult for him to negotiate runs with the precision required, though the resulting blustery quality was more appropriate for the raging aria *Oh Jove! What Land is This?*, roared by the poisoned Hercules in his death throes.

Dejanira, though not a conventional villainess, needs a more incisive edge to the voice than Susan Bickley brought to bear, although she drew a deserved ovation. The most stylish singing came, though, from Nancy Argenta as the much-abused Iole. She has the confidence to stop a recitative in its tracks for expressive effect, and the ability (not shown by her accuser) to ornament an aria without rewriting it. Mark Padmore was an equally sensitive Hyllus, Catherine Wyn-Rogers an excellent Lichas, and Julian Clarkson a fine Priest of Jupiter.

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Closing date for applications is Friday 4 July 1997

PA TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

c.£14,000

English Heritage is the government's statutory advisory body on the built heritage, including archaeology. It is responsible for managing over 400 of the countries most important historic properties and ancient monuments as visitor attractions as well as administering national grant schemes.

You will be assisting the Director in this senior and prominent position by providing general secretarial support: prioritising mail, dealing with inquiries, planning the Director's diary and making travel arrangements. You will also play a part in the day to day running of the office, forging good working relations with the Public Affairs, assisting with preparation of press material and helping organise PR and media events.

In addition to excellent word-processing and written English skills, you will have a good personal assistant background, preferably with experience of dealing with the media. You'll be keen to rise to the challenge of a pressured environment in which attention to detail and a highly organised approach are essential. Some overtime working may be required.

For further information please write with your CV and a covering letter, quoting ref no R/77/97 to Lucy Riordan, Personnel Department, English Heritage, Room 409, 23 Savile Row, London W1X 1AB. Closing date: 9th July 1997. Interviews will be held on 21st July 1997.

Unfortunately we are unable to reply individually to all applicants. If you have not heard from us within four weeks of the closing date, please accept that your application has not been successful.

English Heritage is committed to an equal opportunities policy.

ENGLISH HERITAGE

PA to MANAGING DIRECTOR

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY

CIRCA £22K + BENEFITS - CITY

Extremely busy MD of a new and very successful management consultancy specialising in customer service, and Director of an executive search firm, requires a PA to partner her in organising her office and work. The ideal candidate will be eager to take on new challenges, enjoy working in a dynamic organisation and have strong time and process management skills. We can offer a fun and challenging environment for the right person and in return require the following:

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- proven secretarial skills, minimum of 65wpm
- good social skills, as the candidate will interface extensively with clients

Duties include:

- general PA responsibilities, particularly diary management
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- assisting in the co-ordination of projects with consultants and clients
- liaising with the Chairman's office

This position will be offered on a temp-to-perm basis. Applicants should respond by sending their CV and covering letter to Natalie O'Neill, Richmond & Co, 15 St Helen's Place, Bishopsgate, London EC3A 6DE. Alternatively fax her on 0171 628 5551.

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Application form and job description available from the Human Resources Department, Royal Brompton Hospital, Sydney Street, London SW3 6NP, or tel: 0171 351 8686 (24 hour answerphone) quoting the appropriate reference number. Closing date: 9 July 1997.

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(and plenty of responsibility at an early stage)

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£17,169 - £18,681 P.A.
LONDON EC2

The Personnel Policy Department at the NSPCC plays a vital part in the Society's work - preventing cruelty to children. Reporting to the Head of Personnel Policy, you will be responsible for a wide range of administrative and support work. In addition to ensuring efficient and smooth operation of the department, there will be plenty of opportunities to handle your own projects including policy research, drafting guidance notes and developing systems. ■ The desire to use your initiative and common sense is paramount. Good time management and organisational skills are essential as is an eye for detail and a flexible approach to work. Liaising with people at all levels across the Society with tact and diplomacy, you will be the heart of our department. ■ Benefits include generous holiday and non-contributory pension scheme. This post is suitable for job share. ■ Our current administrator has made a big difference to our work but is now leaving us to travel abroad -if you believe that you have the skills to take her place and make a tangible contribution to one of the UK's most vital charities then please phone 0171 825 2575 for an information pack and an application form. ■ Please quote ref: NC189. ■ Closing date: 11 July 1997. ■ Interviews: 17 July 1997.

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NSPCC

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Personal Assistant - Corporate Policy Director

Salary: £13,540 - £18,484pa

(starting salary will not exceed £16,146pa)

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- Benefits include a non-contributory pension scheme, season ticket loan, central London location, subsidised canteen and 22-25 days annual leave.

For further details and an application form, please send a large self-addressed envelope (at least 8"x5") quoting ref: PACPD, to the Personnel Department, Arts Council of England, 14 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 3NQ. Alternatively, telephone 0171 630 8925 between 10am and 4pm only. Minicom users may contact the Council on 0171 973 6564. Closing date for receipt of completed applications: 9 July 1997.

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THE ARTS COUNCIL OF ENGLAND

PA to the CHIEF EXECUTIVE

c.£26K package

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Michael Page Group
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Working with partners in a friendly group of management consultants specialising in managing change and based in the West End.

This is a true PA role offering the opportunity to become involved in the business with the opportunity for development. You must be able to make decisions and prioritise work when under pressure, be well organised and a self starter.

You need an excellent telephone manner and WP skills. A knowledge of databases, presentational packages and experience in a professional services firm will be an advantage. An interest in management consultancy and organisational development would be useful.

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£13,000 p.a. package

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Angela Mortimer

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£25,000 Package

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University of London

to the Director of External Relations

£19K - £21½K p.a. inc.

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The successful candidate should have high level secretarial and organisational skills; be able to work under pressure and to act on their own initiative when required.

An application form and job description may be obtained from the Personnel Office, School of Oriental and African Studies, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG (Tel: 0171-323 6189 between 10.30am to 12.30pm. Fax number: 0171-636 2779. E-mail address: personnel@soas.ac.uk). No CVs or agencies.

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SECRETARY/OFFICE MANAGER

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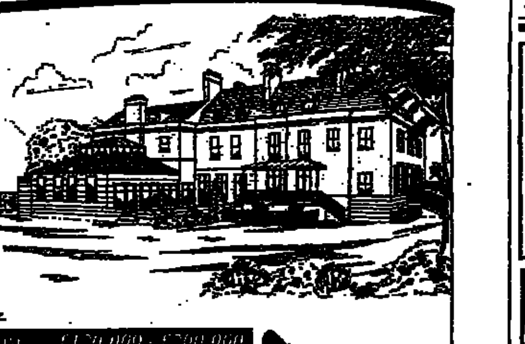

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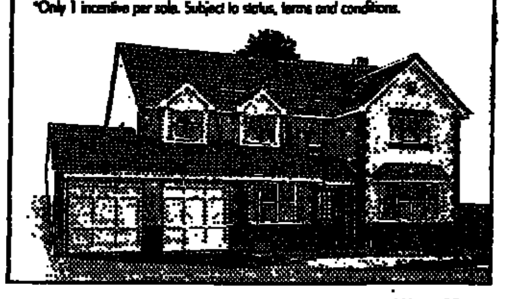

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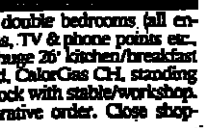

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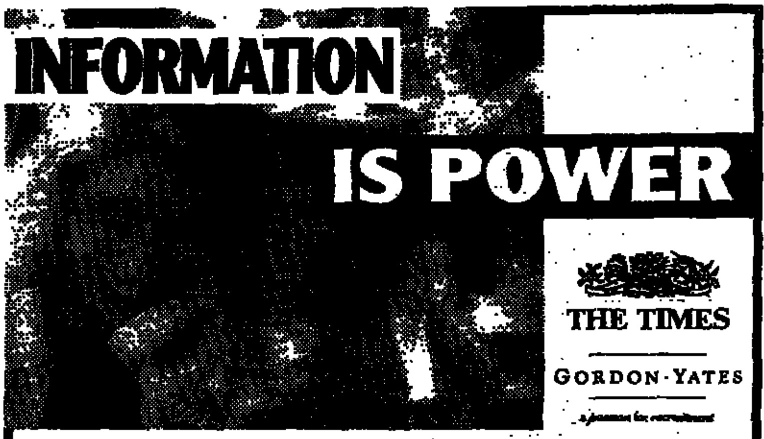

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Date compensation cause accrues

Hillingdon London Borough Council v ARC Ltd

Before Mr Stanley Burnton, QC

[Judgment June 12]

A cause of action in respect of a claim for compensation for compulsory purchase resulting from the entry by an acquiring authority on land pursuant to section 11 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 accrued on the date of that entry notwithstanding that the amount of compensation payable had not been agreed or determined by the Lands Tribunal.

Mr Stanley Burnton QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, so held on a preliminary issue in an action brought by Hillingdon London Borough Council against ARC Ltd.

Section 11 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 provides: "(1) If the acquiring authority have served notice to treat in respect of any of the land and have served on the owner, lessee and occupier of the land not less than fourteen days notice, the acquiring authority may enter on and take possession of the land, or of such part as is specified in the notice; and then any compensation agreed or awarded for the land of which possession is taken shall carry interest . . . from the time of entry until the compensation is paid into court in accordance with this Act."

Mr Joseph Harper, QC, for Hillingdon; Mr Neil King for the defendant.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the defendant had a 35-year lease of land in relation to which Hillingdon made a compulsory purchase order on December 24, 1980. On April 26, 1982 Hillingdon entered the land and commenced the work necessary to build a by-pass.

The defendant did not submit his claim for compensation for the compulsory purchase until January 2, 1992.

The question was whether a claim for compensation for compulsory purchase resulting from the entry by an acquiring authority on land pursuant to section 11 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 was subject to the six-year limitation period laid down in section 9 of the Limitation Act 1980, notwithstanding that the amount of compensation payable had not been agreed or determined by the Lands Tribunal.

It was widely assumed, on the basis of *Turner v Midland Railway Co* ([1911] 1 KB 832) that no limitation period was applicable until the amount of compensation had been agreed or determined: see, for example, Co-Operative Wholesale Society v Chester le Street District Council ((1996) 73 P & CR 111, 120). Hillingdon contended that that assumption was incorrect.

Mr Harper submitted that the defendant's cause of action arose when Hillingdon entered upon and took possession of the land in question in accordance with the procedure laid down in section 11 of the 1965 Act from which date the defendant had a right to compensation.

The compensation to which the defendant was entitled was "a sum recoverable by virtue of any enactment" within the meaning of section 9 of the Limitation Act 1980 irrespective of whether the compensation had been quantified by agreement or by the Lands Tribunal and the defendant's cause of action accrued on Hillingdon's entry upon the land.

It followed that an action to recover such compensation could not be brought after the expiration of six years from the date of entry, namely April 26 1982. On that basis, the applicable limitation period expired long ago, in 1988.

Mr King submitted that the defendant's cause of action was not complete and therefore did not accrue, until the amount of its compensation was either agreed or determined by the Lands Tribunal. Until then, there was no "sum recoverable by virtue of any enactment".

Since there had been no such agreement or determination, the defendant's compensation remained unquantified, and the limitation period in respect of its claim had not started to run, let alone expired.

His Lordship conducted an extensive review of the authorities and considered the wording of sections 6, 10 and 11 of the 1965 Act.

Section 11 assumed that compensation might be awarded in respect of the land of which possession was taken. There was nothing in section 11 to suggest that the right to compensation was inchoate or incomplete, and the express provision that such compensation was to carry interest from the time of entry until the compensation was paid strongly suggested that the right to compensation accrued at the time of entry.

It was true, of course, that compensation was not quantified until agreed or awarded. However many causes of action accrued before the plaintiff was able to quantify his claim and before a specific figure was agreed or determined for it.

His Lordship concluded that the defendant's cause of action accrued on April 26, 1982, on the plaintiff's entry on the land pursuant to section 11 of the 1965 Act and therefore became statute barred in 1988.

Solicitors: Ms Catherine J. Thomas, Uxbridge; Lawrence Tucketts, Bristol.

Restricting amount of gains tax losses

Tesco plc v Crimmin (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment June 13]

For capital gains tax purposes the provisions for preventing depreciatory transactions between associated companies being used artificially to create allowable losses applied to restrict the amount of indexed losses. The provisions did not permit indexation to create an allowable loss in relation to the value of the company's assets attributable to the depreciatory transaction.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing an appeal by way of originating motion by Tesco plc against the determination of special commissioners (Mr David Shirley and Dr John Avery-Jones) in respect of assessments to corporation tax for the year ending February 1993 holding that the allowable loss on the disposal of shares in Tesco Holdings Ltd by Tesco plc to BAT Industries plc was eliminated pursuant to section 280 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, now section 176 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

Mr Andrew Park QC and Mr Hugh McKay for Tesco; Mr Nicholas Warren, QC and Mr Michael Furness for the Crown.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that section 280 was designed to prevent depreciatory transactions between associated companies being used in order artificially to create allowable losses.

Section 86 of the Finance Act 1982, now sections 53 and 54 of the 1992 Act, introduced indexation to provide an allowance for the effect of inflation on the value of assets. Indexation reduced the amount of the chargeable gains or, alternatively, increased the amount of allowable losses on the disposal of an asset. The issue on the appeal concerned the interaction between those statutory provisions.

Tesco plc owned the issued shares in Tesco Holdings Ltd (THL). THL owned all the shares in Tesco Stores Ltd (TSL). TSL owned the goodwill and assets of the trade carried on under the name "Tesco".

On February 12, 1991 THL sold to Tesco plc the shares it held in TSL at a price much lower than the open market value of TLS.

That undervalue sale was a depreciatory transaction within section 280(1) which materially reduced the value of the THL shares.

On February 14, 1991 Tesco plc sold the shares in THL to BAT Industries plc for approximately £40 million.

The 1982 value of THL, that was not yet agreed with the Revenue, was proposed at some £1.2 billion. Its value at February 12, 1991 was appreciably higher.

Tesco made chargeable gains on currency transactions during its year to February 1993 that it claimed were extinguished by the losses from its disposal of THL to BAT on February 14, 1991.

The issue was whether or to what extent Tesco could claim allowable losses arising out of its arm's length sale of THL to BAT. But for the depreciatory transaction provisions there would have been a substantial allowable loss, say £1.2 billion base value less the £40 million. That allowable loss would be increased in size by the indexation allowance.

The question was what effect the depreciatory transaction provisions in section 280 had on Tesco's ability to claim that allowable loss.

The wording of section 280(4) and (5) made it clear that before the section 280 machinery was put in process, the allowable loss accruing from the disposal had first to be calculated.

By virtue of section 86(4) of the 1982 Act the chargeable gain or allowable loss resulting from a disposal of an asset would be the gain or loss produced by the application of the indexation allowance to the unindexed gain or loss. It was to that indexed allowable loss, if there was one, that the section 280 machinery had to be applied.

The logic and legitimacy of Mr Park's approach did not do justice to the language of section 280. There was no warrant for breaking up the indexed allowable loss, subtracting from it the amount of the indexation allowance and then applying section 280 to the amount of the allowable loss that remained.

The section 280 machinery was to be applied to the allowable loss, however made up. It was not, post the introduction of indexation allowances by the 1982 Act to be applied to an unindexed loss.

If the section did come into play it had to be allowed its intended role of negating the use of depreciatory transactions to produce allowable losses.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Banking disclosures are criminal

Bank of Credit and Commerce International (Overseas) Ltd (in Liquidation) and Others v Price Waterhouse and Others, Abu Dhabi and Others (third parties); Bank of England intervening.

Before Mr Justice Laddie

[Judgment May 23]

A criminal offence would be committed by any person, including the Bank of England, who disclosed information relating to the business affairs of any person in breach of section 82(1) of the Banking Act 1987 which could not be overridden by any party's obligation to give discovery.

Mr Justice Laddie so held in the Chancery Division, in ruling on interlocutory applications brought by the liquidators of Bank of Credit and Commerce International (Overseas) Ltd, Bank of Credit and Commerce International Holdings (Luxembourg) SA and Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA against their former auditors, Price Waterhouse and Ernst & Whinney, principally to determine the scope and effect of section 82(1) of the 1987 Act.

Section 82 of the 1987 Act provides: "(1) Except as provided by the subsequent provisions of . . . this Act — (a) no person who under or for the purposes of this Act receives information relating to the business or other affairs of any person; and (b) no person who obtains any such information directly or indirectly from a person who has received it as aforesaid, shall disclose the information without the consent of the person to whom it relates and (if different) the person from whom it was received. . .

"(2) This section does not apply to information which at the time of the disclosure is or has already been made available to the public from other sources. . ."

Subsection (3) made such disclosure an offence and imposed imprisonment for up to two years or a fine, or both, on conviction on indictment.

Section 39 gave the Bank of England wide powers to obtain information and section 41 enabled it to appoint competent persons to investigate and report to it.

Section 85 provides: "(1) Section 82 above does not preclude the disclosure of information — . . . (d) in connection with any other proceedings arising out of this Act; . . . (f) in connection with any proceedings in respect of any authorised institution . . . under . . . Parts I to VII or IX to XI of the Insolvency Act 1986 which the bank has instituted or in which it has a right to be heard; . . ."

Mr Ali Malek, QC and Mr Adrian Beltrami for the plaintiffs; Mr Peter Goldsmith, QC and Mr John Nicholls for the Price Waterhouse defendants; Mr Iain Milligan, QC for the Ernst & Whinney defendants; Mr Peter Scott, QC and Mr William Trower for the first to third and fifth to eighth third parties; Mr Michael Brindle and Mr Bankim Tanki for the Bank of England.

MR JUSTICE LADDIE said that progress in the massive discovery exercise in proceedings related to the 1985 audits of the BCCI companies had been thrown into disarray when the solicitors for Price Waterhouse removed 356 files from two lists of documents on the ground that their disclosure could expose them and their clients to criminal sanctions under the subsection. Eight problems required solution:

1 Must the subsection be construed literally and broadly, as argued by the bank, so as to prohibit disclosure of, say, the affairs of any customer of an institution being investigated; or narrowly, confined to the affairs of the investigated institution itself?

His Lordship, unmoved by references to EEC Banking Directives (77/780/EEC) (OJ 1977 L322/30) and (89/646/EEC) (OJ 1989 L386/1), to a dictum of Mr Justice Lightman in *Melton Medes Ltd v Securities Investment Board* ([1995] Ch 137, 149) and to *Hansard* of November 23, 1978 (HC Deb 959 col 1504) emphatically preferred the broad construction. Had the draftsman intended to limit the wide scope of "any person" in the subsection, he would and should have said so.

2 It was clear to his Lordship that before any recipient of information could be liable to criminal sanction under the subsection he must have been aware that he had received it "under and for the purposes of the Act".

3 It was implicit in the subsection that if, at the same time as receipt, the recipient expected that the information would also be relevant to, and be used for non-Banking Act purposes, disclosure would not infringe the subsection. The same result would follow in relation to information received by Price Waterhouse which had been requested by, and transmitted to, the College of Regulators, an international body of which the bank was a member.

4 Suppose the receipt of the same information on two occasions: on the first, the recipient being aware of a purpose within the subsection, but on the second, receiving it for some other purpose: because the subsection concentrated on time of receipt, he could, after the second receipt, disclose the information then received, but such second receipt would not frank a prior disclosure, if it had been made.

5 It had been common ground that one did not disclose information by passing it to anyone who already knew it: but that was of little comfort to parties to litigation. That must entail it reaching lawyers all previously unaware of it.

6 Mr Malek had argued that the Act contained no express fetter on the court's power to order discovery in civil proceedings, and contrasted section 10 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, where clear wording was used.

However, the reasoning in Lord Wright's speech in *Rowell v Pratt* ([1938] AC 101, 105-6), where the question was whether a prohibition of disclosure contained in section 17(2) of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1931 overrode an obligation to give discovery in unrelated civil proceedings, appeared equally applicable to sections of the Act, so the argument failed.

7 A draft report pursuant to section 41 of the Act had been prepared and the evidence suggested its contents had been widely disseminated: also, a reduced version of it had been put before a United States Senate subcommittee. Its contents had accordingly been available to the public within the meaning of section 82(2) of the Act.

8 The plaintiffs had sought comfort from gateways (d) and (f) in section 85 of the Act, but neither availed them. As to (d), the claims brought against the auditors were for negligence and arose, not out of the Act, but out of their duty of care to their clients: and as to (f), these proceedings were not under the Insolvency Act but proceedings connected with proceedings under that Act.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant; Herbert Smith; Linklaters & Paines; Macfarlanes; Freshfields.

Retrial after battered woman's syndrome diagnosis

Regina v Hobson

Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Sedley and Mr Justice Keene

[Judgment May 23]

Where a woman had been convicted of the murder of her abusive and alcoholic partner before the condition known as "battered woman's syndrome" was included in the standard British classification of mental diseases, which might have enabled her to have claimed diminished responsibility for the killing in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the Homicide Act 1957, her conviction could not be regarded as safe where fresh psychiatric evidence suggested that she might have been suffering from that syndrome.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Kathleen Hobson against her murder conviction on October 19, 1992, at Liverpool Crown Court (Mr Justice Turner).

Miss Helena Kennedy, QC and Mr Paul R. Taylor, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Stephen Riordan, QC, for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant stabbed to death her abusive and alcoholic partner. The defence was self-defence, although the trial judge, in his summing up, properly left provocation also for the jury's consideration.

Before their Lordships, Miss Kennedy submitted that it was not until 1994 that battered woman's syndrome was included in the standard British classification of mental diseases so that at the time of the appellant's trial in 1992 it would not have been a condition readily considered by many practising British psychiatrists.

However, two recent psychiatric reports showed that at the time of the killing the history of this appellant, and all the attendant circumstances, gave rise to the existence of battered woman's syndrome, which in turn was capable of giving rise to, and did in her case give rise to diminished responsibility for the killing in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the Homicide Act 1957.

Mr Riordan relied on the medical report dated February 1997 of Dr Boyd, who at the time of trial had given reports to the defence in relation to the appellant's mental condition.

Dr Boyd's view was that, although a diagnosis of battered woman's syndrome could be made, in the light of what the appellant told him at the time her symptoms were not of a degree to give rise to an abnormality of mind such as to sustain a defence of diminished responsibility.

In the light of those submissions, their Lordships ruled that it would be proper to receive in evidence the current medical reports and, having considered that material, took the view that it was a matter of significance that battered woman's syndrome was not part of the British classification until 1994.

Accordingly, the appeal would be allowed, the conviction quashed and a retrial ordered.

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Sections 392 & 393
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Officeholder numbers: 1208 and 1531 respectively.

No. 002265 of 1997
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AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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I C Powell
Joint administrative receiver

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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No. 002863 of 1997
IN THE MATTER OF SIMON GROUP PLC
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Ref: 322/C492
Solicitors for the above named Company

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In the matter of
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PJR SOUSTER
JOINT LIQUIDATOR
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
LEEDS DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF AQUARIUS GROUP PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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A warranty, but not a guarantee

Eve-Ann Prentice takes a close look at the protection offered by the NHBC

After a long history of complaints, culminating in a hard-hitting *Face the Facts* investigation on Radio 4 last month, the National House-Building Council is reviewing its services.

Its much-vaunted ten-year warranty is often thought to be a guarantee, but it does not amount to that, as hundreds of housebuyers discover each year.

The warranty says that a house will be completed to certain standards; that in the first two years it is the builder's responsibility to put right certain faults; and that thereafter unforeseen structural problems will be dealt with. But none of this guarantees a problem-free home.

The NHCB is an insurance company. Builders who wish to be registered pay an annual fee and are vetted. Once approved, they are entitled to offer the ten-year warranty, which is issued once the NHBC is satisfied that a house meets its standards.

Some time after Jane Fitzgerald and David Perryman bought a new £115,000 house in Hertfordshire, huge cracks appeared in the walls. It was deemed virtually worthless in this condition.

And when George McDonald and his wife moved from Surrey to a new "dream" bungalow in Woodbury, Devon, faults were found in the roof, walls, floor, porch and boiler flue.

Both couples bought from builders registered with the NHBC, assuming that its ten-year warranty protected them from defects and costs involved in rectifying any major problems.

But the misery suffered by Ms Fitzgerald as she and Mr Perryman fought to get their money back, and the McDonalds as they tried to have the faults put right, illustrates that many people have misinterpreted the NHBC's warranty, according to *Face the Facts*. More than 1.7 million homebuyers rely on the warranties.

The faults in the McDonalds' bungalow were spotted by a former clerk of works who visited the house to discuss a tiling job. John Waite, the presenter of *Face the Facts*, says: "What followed was a long dispute over who was responsible for what, in which the NHBC arranged for the builder to put some of the faults right, but not others."

The builder had been the subject of County Court judgments, as well as enforcement action by the local council. "When we telephoned the NHBC," Mr Waite added, "just as any member of the public might, an official confirmed that the builder concerned continued to be registered with the council. Only when we telephoned again and said we were from *Face the Facts* did the NHBC reveal that the builder is suspended from registering new homes for NHBC warranties while a complaint is investigated."

> 'The front porch was coming away from the rest of the house'

The NHBC keeps files at its headquarters in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, on all warranty claims made against NHBC-registered builders. The information is used to calculate the premiums charged to builders, who are graded from A1 to D4, but this information is not available to the public. As part of its review, the NHBC is considering publishing a blacklist of builders who have been expelled from its register.

Ms Fitzgerald and Mr Perryman discovered the huge cracks in their home 18 months after moving in. Ms Fitzgerald says: "The front porch was coming away from the rest of the house. You could see studs coming through from the partitioning, and the stairwell was coming away from the landing."

The problems lay with the foundations and the couple asked for their money back. But at first neither the NHBC nor the builders were willing to buy back the house. It was only when the local council's valuation department decided that the home was "not worth a single brick", according to Mr Waite, that the NHBC agreed to buy the house back. "The experience left me feeling as if the NHBC was set up to protect the builder," says Ms Fitzgerald.

Michael Lovegrove of the Insurance Ombudsman's Bureau told *Face the Facts* that many people believe that if anything goes wrong "they have this NHBC 'guarantee', as some people refer to it. But it is not a guarantee and it does not cover all those things that can go wrong with a house within ten years from the date of its being built. Far from it."

The NHBC promotes itself by saying that says it offers "security and peace of mind". Since April this year, its warranty has been extended to cover the "external envelope of a building" including permanent roof coverings, tiling and rendering.

As part of the review, the NHBC's new chief executive, Imtiaz Farookhi, has been holding talks with groups such as the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Council of Mortgage Lenders and homeowners' representatives.

A spokeswoman, Elizabeth Male, says: "We are undertaking a major review of what could and should be done to protect people from cowboy builders and defective work. The cases reported in *Face the Facts* are all in the past and have been resolved.

"The warranty is not a guarantee. It does not pretend to be something it is not. We are sorry that *Face the Facts* reported interesting issues in a negative way. We are looking at all aspects of the industry to see where things can be improved."

ASHLEY COOMBES

After the initial euphoria of moving into her new house, Helen Bradford's heart sank; it soon became clear that it had many faults

It'll be lovely when it's finished

Helen Bradford bought a dream home, but it turned into a nightmare

A FEW weeks ago I moved into a brand new house. The experience has left me with very mixed feelings.

When my husband and I started to look for a property, having accepted an offer on ours only four days after it went on the market, we thought we did not have much to choose from.

We wanted a four-bedroom house, and to stay in the area if we could, for the sake of our children's schooling. As time passed, we became increasingly demoralised. Three weeks after receiving the offer on our house, and as a last-ditch attempt, we looked at a small new development close by. Only one four-bedroom house remained for sale.

Neither of us felt we were particularly "new house" people, but we were shown around an empty property similar to the one still for sale. We fell in love with it. The house had some redeeming features, such as a cast-iron tiled Victorian fireplace complete with chimney and the possibility of a real fire.

The house is double-fronted, something I had always desired. The back garden was a good size, and the huge front garden had three trees with a preservation order on them. We were sold.

The house was part of a group billed as luxury family homes built to a very high specification. We were able to choose our kitchen and pick the colour of the bathroom suites, tiles, walls and carpets, which were included in the sale price. It all seemed to be working out beautifully.

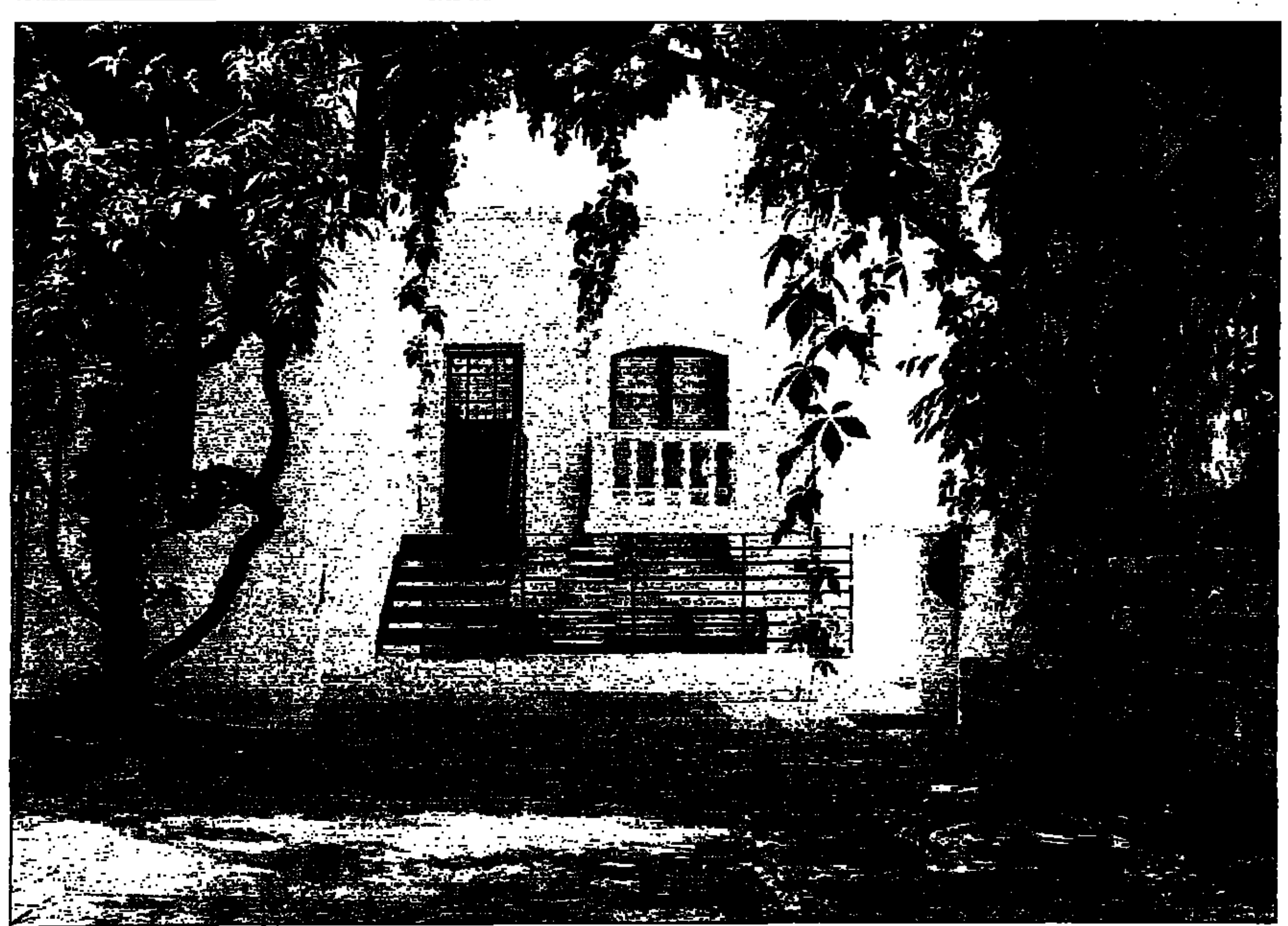
Then we moved in. After the initial euphoria, my heart sank. We started in the kitchen. The gas hob did not work, there was a large scratch in the wood of one of the kitchen drawers and similarly on one of the unit doors. In the lounge, the fireplace had been dented. And so it continued.

We moved in on a Wednesday. By Friday evening, we had had nothing but workmen in and out of the house. We felt exhausted and disillusioned and were unjustly cross with the children (who loved their new home and settled in straight away). We had paid a lot of money for this house, but it was obvious it had gone up too fast. This was a rush job.

We woke up on Saturday morning to find a wet hall ceiling. The bathroom and landing carpets were soaked. There was no one on site to call, and the thoughtfully provided emergency number was only available Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 12.30pm. We called our own plumber; the shower in our bedroom was leaking. He told us the tiles would have to be removed but he could stop the leak temporarily. I lay on the bed and wept.

The shower is now mended and we are feeling more at home as we unpack. We plan to let our children grow up here, so in the long run these initial blips will probably become distant memories. But even today I am having a new front door fitted and new internal french windows (virtually every single pane of glass on the originals was scratched).

I will need to have a painter in to put right all the messy paintwork — some areas still have only primer on them. There are other things we are unhappy about but we have run out of energy to complain, and have decided to sort them out in our own time. I am sure we will be happy here, and any new house always takes time to become a home. But it would have been nice to have been alone as a family to make it our own.



A distinctive modern home, South Pavilion in Danbury Street, N1, is hidden behind Islington's busy thoroughfare

The pond in the basement

Katherine Bergen uncovers an inner-city haven in pink marble

A house with a pale pink marble façade and a Japanese-style pond would be unusual anywhere in London, but in Islington, where most houses are like the one being sold by Tony Blair, it is outstanding. The South Pavilion in Danbury Street, N1, is, nonetheless, discreet. It is well hidden in a walled courtyard off the terrace and were it not for an arch on to the street, might be missed even by the post. The house, just behind Camden Passage, is being sold by Hugh Grover Associates for offers around £425,000. It was built by a local builder two years ago on the site of a hat factory. The house's owner, the editor of the *News of the World* (published by News International, owner of *The Times*), is selling because he wants a family home. This is a house for a single person or a couple without children.

The house's exterior — the effect of the pink marble is muted, more like faded terracotta than fuchsia — belies its impressive interior dimensions. The entrance is on the first floor, via steps and a steel bridge over the pond, which is set beneath it on the lower ground floor.

A spare bedroom and bathroom open off a passage which leads in to the main living space and a 35ft stretch of beech floor. It is not impossible, given the floor space and the height of the ceiling in this room, to imagine having an indoor game of tennis here, or at least a spot of badminton. On this floor and downstairs, where there is equivalent space, the rooms have been built with large windows.

A skylight at the top of the house lights both floors through a central light-well, that, on the main floor, is surrounded by a balcony. Another special feature is the integrated Bang & Olufsen music system — for which buyers will have to negotiate.

The property's emphasis is the huge reception rooms, for both bedrooms are relatively modest in size. The master bedroom, looking out on to the Japanese pond, is 14ft by 12ft, although specially designed fitted cupboards with glass doors give the room a clean, uncluttered look to it.

The house is built for entertainment. entertain. From the dining area downstairs glass doors lead to a small internal courtyard, in which you meet a statue of Botticelli's Birth of Venus.

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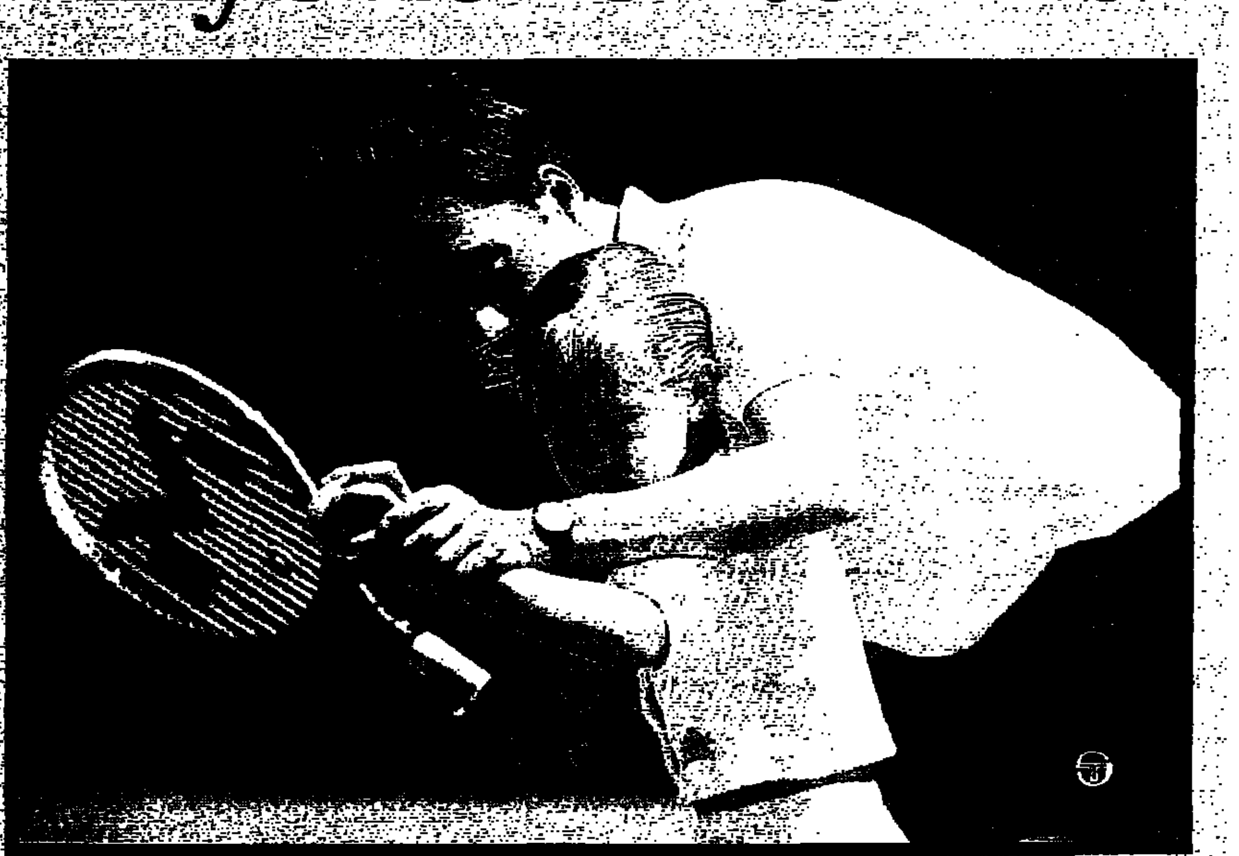

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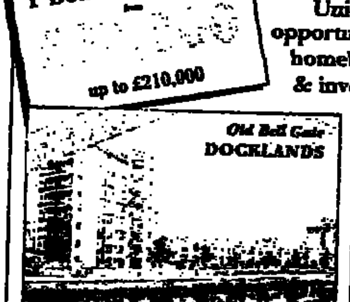

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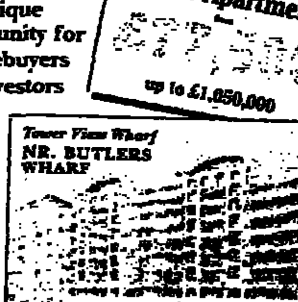

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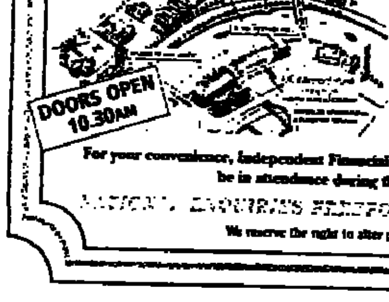

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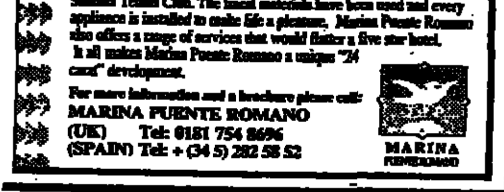

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Everton's long search leads back to Kendall

By David Maddock

EVERTON, it seems, have finally resolved their long and painful managerial quest. To say, however, they have found a new manager to replace Joe Royle would be slightly inaccurate, given that his successor is Howard Kendall, who has occupied the hot seat at Goodison Park twice before. Kendall will return from a holiday in Spain this morning to discuss a contract with Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman.

The return of the man who steered Everton to their most recent period of success in the Eighties has hardly inspired the Goodison faithful, who were promised a big name manager by Johnson.

It does, however, ease some of the embarrassment caused by Andy Gray's decision to decline the job offer earlier in the week. Sources at Everton confirmed last night that they had reached an agreement with Kendall and a club spokesman at Sheffield United said that he would be allowed to leave.

Kendall has been promised in the region of £25 million to return the club to the position he attained in the Eighties when he won two championships, the FA Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup. It is likely that Sheffield United will quickly move to find a replacement for Kendall, with Steve Bruce, the Birmingham City defender, a target as player-manager.

There may be another arrival in Merseyside tomorrow. Liverpool are hoping to complete the transfer of Paul Ince, the England international, from Internazionale within the next 48 hours. Liverpool have agreed terms with the player, but must now negotiate a transfer fee with Inter. Ince suggested in negotiations that his Italian club had agreed to allow him to leave for a reduced price of £3.5 million.

The Football League dismissed as fantasy yesterday reports that there were plans to create a new breakaway of first division clubs. Reports suggested that several chairmen were considering a deal which would see their clubs join the FA Carling Premiership as its partner division.

Brighton could face expulsion from the Football League after failing to pay a £500,000 bond. The third division club was planning to share Millwall's New Den stadium next season after the sale of the Goldstone Ground, but was supposed to pay the bond by last Friday to secure its place in the league.

"The bond has not been forthcoming from Brighton and the indications are that it will not be with us before the end of this week," Chris Hull, a spokesman for the League, said. "The matter has therefore been referred to the Football League board of directors for consideration."

Fifa, the world governing body, suggested yesterday that the transfer of Ronaldo, the Brazil international forward, from Barcelona to Internazionale, had contravened its rules and was therefore invalid. The player bought himself out of his contract with the Spanish club and then agreed to move to Italy, but Fifa has ruled that such a move would only be lawful if he joined another club within Spain.

David Lloyd, the former British Davis Cup tennis player, has completed a £2.4 million takeover of Hull City. With his business partner, Tim Wilby, he has purchased a controlling interest in the club from Christopher Needler. Lloyd already has an interest in the Hull Sharks ice hockey team.

Kendall will be asked to revive the fortunes of Everton

SPORT IN BRIEF

Sri Lanka's dash for victory halted by rain

A DETERMINED fourth-wicket stand between Aravinda de Silva and his captain, Arjuna Ranatunga, carried Sri Lanka closer to a memorable win over West Indies on the fifth and final day of the second Test at Arnos Vale, St Vincent.

Sri Lanka, needing 269 for victory, went to lunch at 179 for three, with de Silva 76 and Ranatunga 34, the main threat to their ambitions being rain, which delayed the resumption. De Silva needed only 47 balls to reach his half-century.

Boardman on course

CYCLING: Chris Boardman, acknowledging the help of his fellow Gan team members, retained the overall lead of the Tour of Catalonia after finishing third in the sixth stage yesterday, eight seconds behind the stage winner, Fernando Escartin of Spain. The Tour finishes tomorrow.

Toshack takes over

FOOTBALL: John Toshack has taken over as coach of Besiktas, who finished second in the Turkish league last season. Toshack, who resigned from Deportivo La Coruña in February, has signed a one-year contract, with an option of extending it a further year.

More laurels for Hardy

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SKIPTON, North Yorkshire: Buckden Pike fell race (4 miles, 1,500ft): Men: 1, G Oldfield (Bradford Airedale) 33min 34sec; 2, S Oldfield (Bradford Airedale, M40) 34.21. Team: Bradford Airedale. Over-50: G Breeze (Skyrac) 42.47. Women: 1, T Ambler (Ilkley) 44:21; 2, J Prowse (Keighley Hill, W35) 44.58. Team: Todmorden.

BETHESDA, Gwynedd: Carneddau fell race (10 miles, 3,500ft, inc British championship race three of four): Men: 1, M Roberts (Borrowdale) 1hr 31min 40sec; 2, I Holmes (Bingley) 1:32.11; 3, M Rigby (Ambleside) 1:32:25. Team: Bingley. Over-40: G Schofield (Horwich RMI) 1:39.47. Over-50: P McWade (Clayton-le-Moors) 1:49.11. Women: 1, M Angharad (Eryri, W35) 1:48:37; 2, A Mudge (Carnethy) 1:49.02; 3, M Todd (Ambleside) 1:53.18. Team: Keswick.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesota 7 Cleveland 2; New York Yankees 5 Detroit 2; Boston 7 Toronto 6; Milwaukee 5 Baltimore 0; Chicago White Sox 7 Kansas City 6; Anaheim 1 Texas 0; Seattle 6 Oakland 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 5 Cincinnati 0; Philadelphia 9 Florida 3; New York Mets 3 Atlanta 2; Pittsburgh 6 Houston 0; Chicago Cubs 3 St Louis 0; Los Angeles 5 Colorado 3; San Diego 11 San Francisco 6

BOWLS

WELSH BOWLING ASSOCIATION: Inter-club championship (Carruthers Shield): Preliminary round: Pairc-y-Dre 94 Welshpool 70; Beaufort 84 Tick Tock 67; Abertridwr 96 Barry Romilly 71; Troedyrhiw 73 Dinas Powys 79; Bridgend 70 Brynhyfryd 94; Pontyclun 49 Pontrhydyfen 101; Llandeilo 84 Llanidloes 71; Brynmawr 83 Penylan 68; Bryn 93 Trelewis 58; Morriston United 104 3M Sports 72

BOXING

CHAIYAPHUM, Thailand: World Boxing Federation junior-bantamweight championship (12rnds): S Dutchboygym (Thai, holder) bt H Soto (Arg) ko 6th

CRICKET

Second Test match

West Indies v Sri Lanka

ARNOS VALE (final day of five, lunch): Sri Lanka, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, require 90 runs to beat West Indies

WEST INDIES: First innings 147 (Pushpakumara 5-41).

Second innings

S L Campbell b Pushpakumara . . . 33
S C Williams c Jayasuriya b Muralitharan 46
B C Lara c Jayasuriya b Dharmasena 115
F L Reifer c Kaluwitharana b Pushpakumara . . . 18
C L Hooper c Kaluwitharana b Dharmasena . . . 34
R I C Holder hit wicket b Muralitharan 34
I R Bishop lbw b Muralitharan 0
C O Browne lbw b Muralitharan . . . 0
C E L Ambrose c Kaluwitharana b de Silva . . . 31
F A Rose not out . . . 0
C A Walsh b Muralitharan . . . 0
Extras (b 4, lb 21, nb 7) . . . 31
TOTAL . . . 343

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-92, 3-143, 4-240, 5-272, 6-272, 7-286, 8-339, 9-343

BOWLING: S De Silva 17-1-62-1; Pushpakumara 19-2-81-2; Muralitharan 41-13-113-5; Dharmasena 25-4-62-2

SRI LANKA: First innings: 222 (Jayasuriya 90; Hooper 5-26)

Second innings

S T Jayasuriya b Walsh . . . 17
R S Mahanama c Browne b Bishop 29
M S Atapattu b Walsh . . . 10
P A de Silva not out . . . 76
*A Ranatunga not out 34
Extras (lb 1, nb 12) . . . 13
Total (3 wkts) . . . 179

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-55, 3-118

BOWLING: Ambrose 12-0-42-0; Walsh 14-0-43-2; Rose 5-0-24-0; Bishop 8-1-48-1; Hooper 9-3-21-0

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and D B Cowie (New Zealand)

AON TROPHY (one day): Bishop Auckland: Durham v Derbyshire, match abandoned. Chelmsford: Essex 176 (G R Napier 51, I D K Salisbury 4-25). Surrey 179-6 (D J Bicknell 47). Surrey won by four wickets. Southampton: Gloucestershire 231-5 (R C J Williams 54no); Hampshire 219-9 (G W White 74, G R Treagus 65). Gloucestershire won by 12 runs. Southgate: Middlesex 159-9 (40 overs, M B Steele 4-22, including hat-trick). Northamptonshire 51-2 (12.1 overs). No result.

CRICKETER CUP: Second round: Sherborne Pilgrims 149 Radley Rangers 128. Harrow Wanderers 263 Old Cheltonians 30

CYCLING

TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Seventh stage (Locarno to Zoug, 194km): 1, T Steels (Bel) 5hr 25min 13sec; 2, E Zabel (Ger); 3, L Aus (Est); 4, F Baldato (It); 5, F Guidi (It); 6, N Minali (It) all same time. Eighth stage (Zoug to Wetzikon, 174.3km): 1, R Aldag (Ger) 4.7.19; 2, U Boelts (Ger) at 57sec; 3, L van Bon (Holl) 1min 1sec; 4, D Nardello (It); 5, G Faresin (It); 6, J Jaksche (Ger) all same time. Leading overall positions: 1, C Agnolutto (Fr) 28hr 17min 47sec; 2, O Camenzind (Switz) 5min 14sec; 3, J Ullrich (Ger) 6.15

TOUR OF CATALONIA: Fifth stage (22km time-trial, Vic): 1, C Boardman (GB) 25min 17sec; 2, A Garmendia (Sp) at 46sec; 3, A Leanizbarrutia (Sp) 51; 4, A L Casero (Sp) 58; 5, M Zarrabeitia (Sp) 1min 7sec; 6, B Voskamp (Holl) 1.12. Leading overall positions: 1, Boardman 14hr 59min 43sec; 2, Casero 1min 10sec; 3, Leanizbarrutia 1.24

FOOTBALL

SPANISH LEAGUE: Atletico Madrid 0 Tenerife 3

RUGBY LEAGUE

WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A: Warrington 28 Auckland 56

European table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	3	1	0	2	44	108	2
Bradford	3	0	0	3	42	70	0
Warrington	3	0	0	3	62	148	0
London	3	0	0	3	60	142	0
St Helens	3	0	0	3	52	140	0
Halifax	3	0	0	3	12	204	0

Australasian table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra	3	3	0	0	192	48	6
Brisbane	3	3	0	0	152	22	6
Penrith	3	3	0	0	122	68	6
Auckland	3	3	0	0	118	58	6
Cronulla	3	3	0	0	118	30	6
Canterbury	3	2	0	1	110	46	4

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Australian Barbarians 26 France XV 25 (at Newcastle); Taranaki 26 Argentina XV 10 (at New Plymouth, New Zealand)

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 53 King's Lynn 36

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match
11.0, first day of three
THE PARKS: British Univs v Australians

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
Gauteng Falcons v Scotland XV
(at Bosman Stadium, Brakpan, 6.15)

TENNIS

All England Championships (at Wimbledon).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Second division
Bramley v Rochdale (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Speedway Star Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Poole (42) v Coventry (48). Elite League: King's Lynn v Ipswich (7.45). Premier League: Long Eaton v Glasgow (7.30). Premier League four-team championship: Qualifying round: Hull v Skegness v Sheffield v Stoke (7.30).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

It's surprising how having to make even one discard can ruin a player's hand. This is an example shown to me by experienced London rubber bridge player, Brian Jackson. He was South.

Dealer West **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

North:
♠K973
♥J42
♦J1095
♣32

West:
♠1062
♥AK87
♦AQ
♣10986

East:
♠J84
♥1065
♦7632
♣Q54

South:
♠AQ5
♥Q93
♦K84
♣AKJ7

S	W	N	E
—	1H	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: ten of clubs

East played the queen of clubs at trick one and Jackson won with the king. Not playing at his most inspired, he continued with the king of diamonds: West won and played ace, king and another heart. Now when declarer played a second diamond West won and cashed the thirteenth heart for one off.

As Jackson pointed out afterwards, all he had to do was to start spades at trick two; he takes four rounds discarding a heart from hand on the thirteenth spade. West would have been squeezed on the last spade — she would have had to unguard the clubs or diamonds, or let go a heart. If she throws a heart, declarer can now set up the diamonds.

Notice that it is not good enough to play off the spades after West has cleared the hearts — South has no convenient discard on the last spade. If he lets a club go West does the same, and if he discards a diamond West throws her heart and comes to a club at the finish.

☐ With eleven rounds to play in the Open series at the European championships, Great Britain remains in ninth place on a score of 404. Italy lead with 454 points, ten points ahead of Spain. In the women's series, Britain are six points behind the leaders, France, and have lost only two matches.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
chess correspondent

Kasparov shines

The Novgorod tournament has ended in yet another success for Garry Kasparov. Indeed, the top three players can all draw satisfaction from their results.

Kasparov has bounced back after his disaster against Deep Blue. Kramnik, although he missed first prize, can derive consolation from the fact that he defeated Kasparov in a beautiful game, while Nigel Short's spurt of four points from five games during the second half will go down as one of the most glorious exploits of British chess.

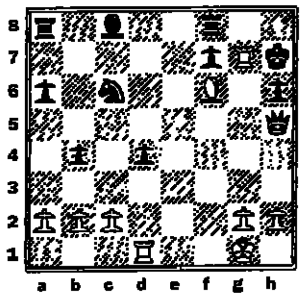
In the final round, Short drew an exciting game against Kasparov utilising a similar queen sacrifice theme to that employed by Howard Staunton in his game against Harrison which I published in the winning move puzzle yesterday.

White: Nigel Short
Black: Garry Kasparov
Novgorod, June 1997

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Bc4	e6
7	0-0	Be7
8	Bb3	0-0
9	f4	b5
10	e5	dxe5
11	fxe5	Nfd7
12	Be3	Nxe5
13	Qh5	Nbc6
14	Nxc6	Nxc6
15	Rf3	b4
16	Rh3	h6
17	Rd1	Qa5
18	Nd5	exd5
19	Rg3	d4
20	Bd5	Bg5
21	Bxg5	Qxd5
22	Bf6	Qxh5
23	Rxg7+	Kh8
24	Rg6+	Kh7
25	Rg7+	Draw agreed

Diagram of final position



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Novgorod 1997: final crosstable

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts
1 Kasparov	–	0,½	1,½	1,½	½,½	1,1	6½
2 Kramnik	1,½	–	1,0	½,½	1,½	½,½	6
3 Short	0,½	0,1	–	0,½	0,1	1,1	5
4 Bareev	0,½	½,½	1,½	–	0,½	½,½	4½
5 Topalov	½,½	0,½	1,0	1,½	–	0,0	4
6 Gelfand	0,0	½,½	0,0	½,½	1,1	–	4

In the above table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HATHAYOGA
a. A Buddhist monk
b. Tibetan yoghurt
c. Breathing exercises

LEBES
a. A wedding present
b. A Viennese psychoanalyst
c. Birds' vestigial ears

MUMBUDGET
a. Treasury purdah
b. A climbing shrub
c. To come secretly

HABANERA
a. Tomorrow
b. A bullfighter's cape
c. A Cuban dance

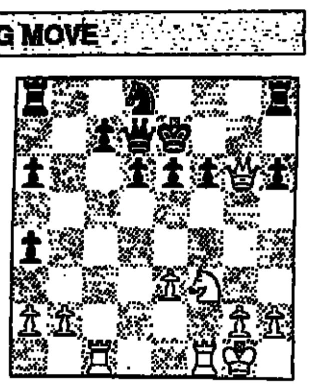
Answers on page 50

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Staunton — Jaenisch, London 1851.

Although the Black king is stuck in the centre, his wall of pawns along the third rank appears to provide solid protection. How did White show that this is not, in fact, the case?



Solution on page 50

CRICKET: SHAH AND HEWITT COMBINE FORCES TO STEER MIDDLESEX TO NARROW VICTORY AMID RISING TENSION AT LORD'S

Kent succumb to youth movement

By John Thicknesse

LORD'S (Kent won toss): Middlesex beat Kent by three wickets

KENT, a bowler short, fought hard to defend a total 20 or 30 runs short of par in this NatWest Trophy first round tie at Lord's yesterday. But Middlesex, at one stage 195 for seven in pursuit of 226, were carried to an exciting win by two players of talent too young to be afraid.

Owais Shah, 18, and Jamie Hewitt, 21, the No 9, came together with 29 needed in six overs and passed the winning post with four balls left for play. Hewitt made the decisive hit, a raking four over mid-off to the pavilion.

It was a fine and sometimes stirring game, before a crowd of 6,000, and it was played in rising tension. Kent paid the price for that, a dilatory over-rate costing a fine of £440 for running two overs over the allotted time. Mark Ramprakash, captaining Middlesex coolly and inventively and scoring a classy 72, the day's highest score, won the man-of-the-match match award.

Until Ramprakash fell to Fleming in the 44th over, bowled by a ball that bounced only half-stump high, Middlesex looked like winning in fair comfort. The winning post was only 80 runs away and because McCague had pulled a hamstring bowling his eleventh ball, Kent were down to four main bowlers.

Though Ramprakash had been left without a stroke at two by the pace and lift of a great ball by McCague, and looked dangerously close to being leg-before at 27 and 43 to Ealham and Headley, his 72 was the innings of the day. He hit ten fours off 105 balls and his footwork all but took Strang out of the game.

Middlesex were 148 for four when they lost their captain and what followed bore out that, though the second Test was in effect only a two-day match, batsmen needed time to find their way on it because of its varied pace and bounce.

Another strip was prepared, 20 yards closer to the Tavern. But it became so saturated over the weekend that the captains were given the option of using the Test pitch, which they chose.

With Kent scenting half a chance, Marsh juggled his bowlers skilfully in frequent consultation with his senior players, and Middlesex's lower middle order was steadily eroded. Llong, an off spinner and the makeshift bowler in this attack, saw Pooley well caught off a top-edged sweep, and in separate spells Headley had Brown leg-before, then bowled Johnson, as the score slipped to 195 for seven.

Kent's fielding, though, let them down, Shah and Hewitt picking up five crucial runs in fumbles as they scored the final 30 runs. Kent's dwindling chances ended in the 58th over when Shah, dancing down the pitch to drive, edged Llong unstoppably for four through the vacant slips.

Where Kent would have been without Llong, Ealham and Fleming is no one's business. However, that was more due to the quality of Middlesex's outcricket than deficiencies in Kent's batting on a surface that could never quite be trusted. Llong and Ealham added 97 for the fifth wicket to a parlous 64 for four, and towards the end, Fleming, who took nine balls getting off the mark, pulled Hewitt for three successive sixes, and Johnson for a fourth into the Tavern, a 90-yard carry, while making 41 off 27 balls.

MICHAEL POWELL

Bradford, who put on 50 for Lincolnshire's eighth wicket with Gouldstone, forces the ball away at Lincoln Lindum

Adams welcomes Christmas gifts

By Michael Henderson

LINCOLN (Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire beat Lincolnshire by eight wickets

DERBYSHIRE appointed Phillip DeFreitas as their new captain yesterday, in succession to the departed Dean Jones, and won their preliminary round at the pleasant Lindum ground near the magnificent cathedral with an astonishing (and probably unparalleled) 41 overs to spare. Chris Adams won the man-of-the-match award for his unbeaten 71, which came from only 44 balls.

Adams finished the match with a mighty straight six, his fourth, off Bradford. Earlier, he had struck Oakes over long-off and picked up a bowler with a delightful surname for a pair of sixes over mid-wicket. You could say that they were early Christmas presents.

Despite the recent upheaval at the club, which forced Jones's hand and has snared others in a web of disagreement and disapproval, the new captain maintains that the mood within the dressing-room is good. Cricketers, of course, prefer to play and to leave the power games to others, but there is no denying that the present situation is most peculiar.

Les Stillman, nominally the senior coach, remains stripped of his colours and Andy Hayhurst is travelling around with the first XI, to whom he is barely superior. No doubt everything will come out in the wash. For the time being, club officials are offering nothing and saying little.

Lincolnshire never got a start after DeFreitas put them in. Devon Malcolm took two early wickets and Paul Aldred cleaned up the tail to finish with four. It took an eighth-wicket stand of 50 between Gouldstone and Bradford to extend the score into three figures and, although Owen and Rollins were out cheaply, Adams completed the match with a flurry of expansive strokes.

Rollins closes chapter on rural romance

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

BEACONSFIELD (Buckinghamshire won toss): Essex beat Buckinghamshire by 89 runs

IT IS 21 years since Essex lost to Hertfordshire in this competition and there are those at the county who remain twitchy about it. So, when they arrived on a similar club ground to find a damp pitch and a Rastafarian opening bowler in an immense white, woollen hat, a few suspicious looks were exchanged.

They need not have worried. The gulf between first-class cricket and the minor counties game has, perhaps, never been greater and Buckinghamshire could not bridge it. They competed valiantly, but any doubt about the result was removed when Robert Rollins struck 67 from 26 balls at the close of the Essex innings, regularly imperilling passing traffic on the A40.

The crowd was good and the atmosphere everything it should be on this midsummer day that is annually the province of rural romantics. It belongs to the minors and I have long maintained they should all play at home and put on a show like this.

Beaconsfield have a tree-ringed ground, on green-belt land worth a fortune, and, by running colts sides down to the age of eight, they represent the value of clubs in the modern game. There was a jazz band playing from one of many marquees and Bill Giles had been recruited as announcer, presumably to guarantee fine weather.

Essex soon discovered that the chap in the startling headgear could bowl. Denzil Owen, a Jamaican truck-driver, is 41, but when his seamers found the correct range, on a pitch inclined to sharp bounce, he commanded respect. Robinson fell to him without scoring and both Prichard and Hussain were hit on the gloves. His first ten-over spell cost only 40; a shame, for him, then, that his remaining two were to concede 41.

Not without difficulty, the second wicket raised 123 before a series of casual shots saw Essex decline to 172 for four at lunch. Hussain's 78, relatively circumspect but important in banishing whatever demons lurked in Essex minds, ended with a sharp catch by the beaming Owen.

Buckinghamshire, indeed, were catching everything that came their way and when Richard Hurd clung on to a fierce, flat on-drive from Danny Law, there was still a chance that Essex would be kept within bounds. Rollins banished the thought, hitting seven sixes and three fours.

There is never much chance of a minor county chasing 328 to win, especially against an attack of international pedigree, but Buckinghamshire went about it responsibly. As tea approached, the second-wicket pairing of Neil Burns — once of Essex — and Matthew Bowyer was in full flow, Burns taking five fours from an over by Ronnie Irani.

Still to come was Keith Arthurton, who had already taken four wickets and on whom much depended. His time in the West Indies side ended last year, however, after the World Cup, in which he scored 1, 0, 1, 0 and 0. He did not fare much better yesterday and the contest ended with his dismissal.

Strength of Ecclestone takes toll

By Jack Bailey

TAUNTON (Somerset won toss): Somerset beat Herefordshire by 231 runs

THE knees of Mushtaq Ahmed have been a cause for concern to both Pakistan and Somerset, not to mention the player himself, for some time, yet his enthusiasm knows no bounds. Yesterday, he skipped round the field and plucked the heart out of the Herefordshire batting just as they looked like making rather better than a token response to Somerset's 367 for five.

Before Mushtaq's intervention, Herefordshire had displayed little sign of being overawed. They had fielded well in the face of an onslaught by Simon Ecclestone that brought him a century from 60 balls, having already stuck well to their task while Piran Holloway and Peter Bowler accumulated 168 from 33 overs.

With the help of a gritty innings by Rob Hall, Herefordshire were actually ahead of Somerset at the ten-over stage, but to cope with Mushtaq, you have to be able to read the googly and neither Barlow nor Hall could.

Neal Radford, formerly of Worcestershire and England, demonstrated that Mushtaq could be read and played by a seasoned professional, but the leg-spinner's four for 27 had already scuppered his team by then. Not that this was enough to win the man-of-the-match award, and there were few grumbles when this went to Ecclestone. His was an innings of brutal power and it carried Somerset beyond reach.

Zuiderent breathes defiance

By Ivo Tennant

WORCESTER (Holland won toss): Worcestershire beat Holland by 111 runs

IN SPITE of an excellent man-of-the-match innings of 99 by Bas Zuiderent, who last year made a half-century against England in the World Cup, Worcestershire and their Australian captain were simply too much for Holland yesterday. Tom Moody struck a typically beefy century that gave his side a near unassailable total.

Zuiderent, a 20-year-old student who plays for the FOC club in Rotterdam, wore a gleaming orange helmet as he scored his runs off 141 balls, hitting ten fours and two sixes, the second of which, sent skimming over long-off, was his last scoring shot. He was run out by a direct throw from Spiring at mid-wicket, seeking the single that would have brought him a deserved century. It proved too risky.

Although Holland included Lefebvre, once of Somerset and Glamorgan and now a physiotherapist, they fielded a largely inexperienced side. Van Noortwijk added 96 in 25 overs with Zuiderent, but Goodwin, the Zimbabwean brought as their overseas player, went cheaply and nobody else made a significant contribution.

Worcestershire made a total that would have been beyond the reach of most sides. Moody struck 108 off 145 balls including 14 fours, Spiring hit a vigorous half-century and Leatherdale, Haynes and Lampitt all contributed usefully to ensure that, once again, Holland would not progress beyond the first round.

Next year, it is hoped a tie will be staged at Amstelveen. Although Holland have not qualified for the next World Cup in 1999, they will be staging a fixture and can only continue to improve.

Croft launches victory drive

By Keith Pike

CARDIFF (Bedfordshire won toss): Glamorgan beat Bedfordshire by seven wickets

IT IS 20 years since Glamorgan reached their one Lord's final and the emphatic nature of this victory is unlikely to persuade their supporters to dust off their gazetteers and inflatable leeks just yet. It will, though, take a decent side to eliminate them from the NatWest Trophy.

Bedfordshire left Sophia Gardens with their pride just about intact. They won the toss and two awards for bravery, through Phil Hoare's decision to bat first under an overcast sky and then Gary Sandford, a No 10 of no obvious batting pedigree, who opted to face Waqar Younis steaming in from the Cathedral Road end without a helmet. Perhaps he had heard that a team representing the Blood Transfusion Service was in town.

They deserve credit, too, for posting a respectable total after slipping initially to 18 for three and later 111 for eight. Glamorgan, though, won pretty much as they liked with half of their overs unused and the tea still warm.

Bedfordshire were up against it from the second over, when Wayne Larkins, who scored a career-best 252 on this ground, was trapped leg-before by Watkin for precisely 251 runs fewer. Five of the first six wickets fell the same way, thanks to straight bowling rather than any extravagant movement. Had the last two wickets not eked out 68 runs against some sloppy bowling, the end would have come quickly indeed.

Croft, having conceded 14 runs in a miserly spell, then showed his more extravagant nature in his one-day opener's role with a dashing 64 off 58 balls to launch Glamorgan on their way.

Records fall to Wright and Trainor

By Rupert Cox

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire beat Scotland by 101 runs

FOURTEEN years after making their debut in the NatWest Trophy, when they lost at Nevil Road by 88 runs, Scotland came south buoyed by their success in the ICC Trophy in March that assured them of a World Cup berth for 1999. This time, though, Gloucestershire, amid a flurry of records, ran amok, posting an imposing 351 for two.

Scotland's new-ball attack leaked only 24 runs from 12 overs, but, once they had survived early perils, Gloucestershire's openers, Tony Wright and Nick Trainor, thrived.

In adding 311 for the first-wicket, the pair broke a host of records. It was the highest partnership for any wicket in the competition, usurping the 309 at the Oval in 1994 by Tim Curtis and Tom Moody, of Worcestershire, and transcended the first-wicket record of 269 by Hampshire's openers, Jason Laney and John Stephenson, last summer.

Wright plundered 177 from 188 balls, his first century of the season comprising a six and 19 fours and equalling the fourth-best score in the competition. It also surpassed Gloucestershire's individual record of 158.

The target of 352 was always too stiff for an amateur side, but a valiant second-wicket stand of 135 between Bruce Patterson and Mike Smith guaranteed respectability. Tim Hancock snared six victims to emphasise the gulf between the teams.

Cambridgeshire shot down in uneven duel

By Pat Gibson

WISBECH (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire beat Cambridgeshire by 239 runs

IT WAS clear that this was not going to be Cambridgeshire's day from the moment that Flying Officer Chris Whyborn's radar went on the blink. His first four overs cost 30, including seven wides and a no-ball, and against such friendly fire from the opposition's main strike weapon, Hampshire were able to take off towards a total that was way out of range of a minor counties side.

In the end, Cambridgeshire went down without firing a shot in anger. Their spirit broken by a second-wicket stand of 176 between Matthew Hayden and Robin Smith that carried Hampshire to an intimidating 321 for four, they crumbled to 82 all out and one of the heaviest defeats in the history of the NatWest Trophy.

Both John Stephenson, who took five for 34, and Shaun Udal, with three for 13, returned their best figures in the competition, but it was the batsmen who made victory a formality.

Jason Laney set the pace, then Hayden and Smith took control. Both were dropped off the veteran, Tim Smith — taking time off from the farm where he breeds llamas and ostriches to bowl his left-arm spin as economically as anybody — and there was no stopping them after that. Hayden made 90 off 139 balls, hitting a six and seven fours, and Smith went on to claim the man-of-the-match award with 126 off a total of 134 balls, including two sixes and 12 fours.

Shropshire appetites destroyed by Kirtley

By James Allen

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Sussex beat Shropshire by ten wickets

ALTHOUGH Sussex did not hit the winning run until the first over after tea, they had effectively won this match by lunchtime when Shropshire, having been put in, had staggered to 79 for nine, undone by the pace and movement of James Kirtley.

The rest of the day seemed like an extended net, the routine nature of proceedings disturbed only by a spirited last-wicket stand between Shimmons and Bowett, which yielded 37, and took Shropshire into three figures.

The Shropshire innings disintegrated when four wickets fell in the space of seven balls with the total 79. Kirtley took three in an over, having earlier accounted for Kevin Sharp and Asif Din, on whose shoulders Shropshire's hopes rested so heavily. Visiting hearts sank when Asif lost his middle stump.

Kirtley, whose exploits for Mashonaland embarrassed England in the winter, finished with five for 39, his best figures in any form of cricket.

Although Asif Din, bowling his hybrid wrist spin, did not concede a run until his seventh over. Greenfield and Athey, the Sussex openers, found little to trouble them. Despite receiving a painful blow on the foot, Greenfield punished anything loose in making an attractive 89 while Athey played the straight man, a role he has perfected down the ages, although, by going 21 overs without scoring a run, he tried the patience even of some Sussex supporters.

Robinson abbreviates cut-price spectacle

By Richard Hobson

TRENT BRIDGE (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire beat Staffordshire by ten wickets

THOSE waiting to take advantage of Nottinghamshire's offer of half-price admission after 4pm did not get the bargain they hoped for. The pavilion clock read 4.02pm when Tim Robinson nudged the ball studiously towards mid-on and jogged through for the winning single.

In their only previous meeting with Staffordshire 12 years ago, Nottinghamshire had been reduced to 53 for five — the finest top four in their history of Broad, Robinson, Randall and Rice contributing just 14 runs between them — before an unbeaten century by Paul Johnson removed the possibility of defeat. Despite the absence of Johnson to a broken finger, there were no such worries yesterday.

Staffordshire began slowly, did not pass 50 until the 28th over and lost their last seven wickets for 22 runs on a quick pitch being used for the third successive game. Laurie Potter made the top score of 19 before diverting the second ball from Nathan Astle — David Steele's man of the match — to slip, while Ian Stokes spent 25 overs compiling 18.

Staffordshire have boasted Dominic Cork, Dean Headley and Paul Taylor among their past players, but even a bowling attack including all three would have struggled to defend a total of 95. Both Robinson and Paul Pollard were grateful for the batting practice and, with neither flamboyance nor struggle, they passed the target with 28.1 overs to spare.

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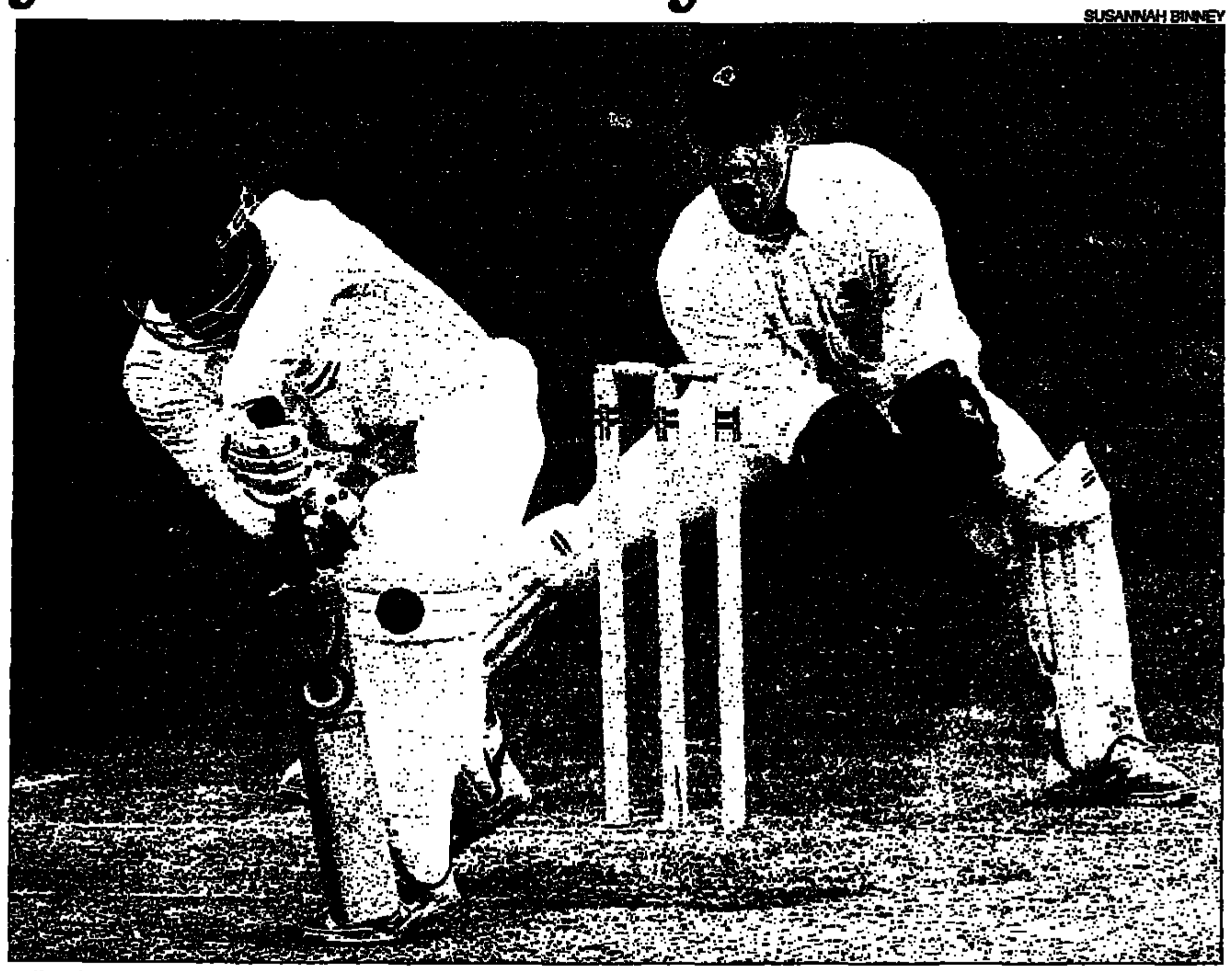
CRICKET: ENDURING QUALITY OF LEICESTERSHIRE BATSMAN HELPS TO DEFEAT DEVON

Steady Sutcliffe stays distance

By Simon Wilde

EXMOUTH (Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire beat Devon by 53 runs


SUSANNAH BINNEY

Reed, the Devon wicketkeeper, pays close attention as Whitaker, the Leicestershire captain, blocks a ball yesterday

THE county champions will remember their visit to the east Devon coast. Though they ran out comfortable winners in the end, they went through a fair bit of brow-furrowing and pacing about before the deed was done and, when Vince Wells had Peter Roebuck caught behind, he had good reason to blow kisses and throw out his arms as though he had scored the winning goal in a cup final.

This was so nearly Roebuck's great day as a giant-killer. Having lost the toss and allowed the visitors to make the questionable decision to bat first, he deployed his bowlers skilfully, instructing them to take the pace off the ball and let Leicestershire stew on a slow pitch offering extravagant help to all the bowlers.

On the Maer ground's dry, sloping pitch that lies in sight of the mouth of the Ex and is surrounded by dunes and gorse, there was movement off the seam for the new-ball bowlers and turn for the spinners.

At lunch, Leicestershire were 108 for six, with all their recognised batsmen gone, except for Iain Sutcliffe. Wells — who scored a double-century in this round last year — played and missed three times in the first over before being bowled in the second and, when Roebuck was purveying his tidy off cutters from one end and MacGill his big leg-breaks from the other, the ball was barely leaving the square. Roebuck got out Maddy and Whitaker through frustration; MacGill turned the ball between Johnson's bat and pad.

Had Devon removed Sutcliffe cheaply, it would probably have been a very different tale, but they did not. Instead, he stayed to complete a worthy, workmanlike century, his second in six days. He played the right game: a sensible rather than sensational one, but, by making sure he stayed from the second over to the sixtieth, he saw his side to a defendable total.

After lunch, Sutcliffe found an ally in Mason, whose first contribution in what proved to be a useful all-round match was to stay for 17 overs and oversee the addition of 67 runs; later, he had Millns by his side as he cut loose in a final flurry that yielded 44 runs in four overs. In all, he struck one six and eight fours and faced 182 balls.

Even so, a total of 225 for eight was hardly forbidding and Devon, though they soon lost Gaywood, were given an encouraging start by Townsend, who was once on Somerset's staff and who took a liking to crashing Millns through the off side. Wisely, Whitaker responded by turning to bowling of a gentler pace and Wells immediately nipped one through Townsend's defences.

At 58 for two, Roebuck joined Folland in what was now the key partnership of the innings. They played themselves in with care and Roebuck had just unleashed one fine off drive when, minutes before the tea interval, he essayed another, misjudged it and sent Wells into his celebrations.

From then on, Mason and Brimson, Leicestershire's spin bowlers, were almost impossible to get away. Folland perished after spending 27 overs making 17 and that was about that.

Lancashire cash in at Berkshire's expense

By Derek Hodgson

OLD TRAFFORD (Berkshire won toss): Lancashire beat Berkshire by 169 runs

SOMEONE had to pay for recent Lancashire humiliations. Berkshire were in the right place at the right time for the holders yesterday. Only in the first hour was there assistance for the bowlers and, for most of a pleasant day, Lancashire were able to indulge in match practice, which was much needed, according to members.

One man predicted that there would be a good turn-out because "it'll be a rare chance to see them win". They did applaud Graham Lloyd's 96 off 107 balls and were impressed by a promising 86 on his NatWest debut from Mark Harvey, 23 tomorrow.

Lancashire were without four injured Test players and had lost another two after 11 overs. Michael Atherton, having twice slammed Jamie Barrow through the off side for four in his first over, went for a third boundary, off the back foot, in the sixth and was well taken, low at gully, by Stuart Seymour. It was a relief for Seymour, who had dropped Paddy McKeown. John Crawley looked good for 200, but, when 11, tried to flick Kervin Marc off his legs and was trapped. McKeown's attractive innings ended in the nineteenth over when he went to turn against the spin and offered a leading edge to mid-on.

The Berkshire batsmen enjoyed batting on a Test square, especially Jamie Hodgson, with 50 off 78 balls. The Myles-Hodgson partnership flickered briefly until Gary Yates, effective on this slow turner, undermined it and the innings with two for 15 in 12 overs.

Lancashire celebrations were muted by the funeral at Rochdale yesterday of Bob Warburton, whose kindness and consideration made him a warmly-remembered ambassador for the club in his 44 years as assistant secretary.

Stewart steers Surrey past post

By Barney Spender

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Surrey beat Durham by five wickets

IT IS a close-run thing these days, but Surrey have finally supplanted Lancashire as the real Jekyll and Hyde team of county cricket. Stacked with international talent, they are suffering miserably in the championship, without a hint of a win, while flourishing in the one-day competitions.

They are already through to the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup, where they will play Kent, and yesterday they booked a home tie with Nottinghamshire in the second round of the NatWest Trophy with a clinical dissection of Durham.

Alec Stewart, with a measured 90 not out, took the man of the match award as he guided Surrey to a five-wicket win with 11.1 overs to spare, but this victory was the result of a genuine team effort and appeared to come with the minimum of fuss.

Stewart missed out against Australia at Lord's, but yesterday there was little wrong with his shot selection and movement. After the early departure of Mark Butcher, Stewart played with a comforting assurance, working the ball well and pasting it to the boundary when the Durham attack strayed.

He had one piece of good fortune when Michael Foster, who had earlier hit a splendid 56 not out from 40 balls, threatened to turn the match Durham's way.

Stewart and Jason Ratcliffe, the only non-international in the Surrey line-up, had eased their way to the calm waters of 102 for one in the 21st over when Foster struck, removing Ratcliffe and Graham Thorpe in successive balls, the latter to a superb leg-side catch by Martin Speight.

In his next over, Foster nipped one back at Stewart, on 42, and rapped him on the pads, but Trevor Jesty, the umpire, kept his hands firmly in his pocket. The next ball was another peach, but Stewart's inside edge took the ball just past the stumps and for four.

That, in effect, proved to be Durham's last chance, as Stewart and Alistair Brown went on to add 78 in 14 overs. When Brown went for 44, Adam Hollioake smashed 34 at a run a ball, including two massive straight sixes off Boiling, to see Surrey to the brink. Stewart faced 118 balls and hit 11 fours.

The Durham innings, needless to say, depended almost entirely on their two Test batsmen, John Morris and David Boon, who added 117 for the third wicket. Boon made 57, but the star turn was Morris who made 75 before walking after an edge that was far from obvious.

Warwickshire ready for return of Reeve

By a Special Correspondent

EDGBASTON (Norfolk won toss): Warwickshire beat Norfolk by 80 runs

IN THE end, Warwickshire's victory was comfortable enough, but, for the first two hours of this keenly-contested NatWest Trophy first-round tie, they were in danger of becoming only the seventh first-class county to be beaten by a minor county in 35 seasons of the competition.

Barely an hour into the game, the scoreboard read 25 for six, but it was Warwickshire, five times winners of the competition, not Norfolk, who were on the rack in conditions similar to the first day of the Edgbaston Test earlier this month.

The well-grassed pitch had been used before this season and Warwickshire had evidently prepared it in the hope that it might suit Allan Donald, their South Africa fast bowler, on his return after a month out injured. It was a ploy that almost backfired, as Paul Newman, the Norfolk captain and a veteran of Derbyshire's 1981 Trophy-winning side, won the toss and exploited a juicy pitch, heavy cloud cover and some indecisive batting to undermine Warwickshire.

Newman, who plays for Old Hill in the Birmingham League, moved the ball extravagantly. He accounted for Nick Knight, Neil Smith and David Hemp to slip catches for one run in an 11-ball spell.

Paul Bradshaw, 19, gave his captain excellent support with the wickets of Dougie Brown and Graeme Welch, but Norfolk's bowling lacked depth and, with Newman and Bradshaw out of the attack, Warwickshire were allowed to slip the leash. A resourceful seventh-wicket partnership of 137 in 38 overs between Andrew Moles, who batted 58 overs for 64, and Ashley Giles (69) completely changed the complexion of the game.

Giles deservedly took the man-of-the-match award by following his accomplished batting with his best one-day bowling figures of five for 21. His first four wickets came in the space of 12 balls.

Donald, wayward in his first two spells, proved too hostile and accurate for the part-timers, as Norfolk were dismissed for 127 with more than 11 overs to spare.

The victory margin flattered a relieved Warwickshire, who now face a second-round tie against Somerset, coached by their former captain, Dermot Reeve, at Edgbaston on July 9.

Gough takes hat-trick on another work day

By Peter Ball

HEADINGLEY (Ireland won toss): Yorkshire beat Ireland by 196 runs

AFTER his endeavours against Australia, a NatWest Trophy first-round match against Ireland should have provided a restful day for Darren Gough. Instead, he took centre stage, claiming NatWest career-bests with bat and ball as he played an important part in Yorkshire's recovery from 97 for six at lunch and then sent Ireland crashing with seven wickets for 27, including a hat-trick.

That surpassed the best performance by a Yorkshire bowler in the competition, Fred Trueman's six for 15 in 1965. Trueman's choice as winner of the man-of-the-match award was a formality.

Restful days are just not on Gough's agenda. "I was only going to bowl for six overs," he said, "but then I got a wicket and I wanted to carry on." His efforts disguised just what a fright Yorkshire had had earlier. On one of those Headingley mornings beloved of Test-match seam bowlers, Ireland had a glorious 90 minutes.

As the ball swung viciously under low clouds and seamed off a pitch of variable bounce, they reduced Yorkshire to 55 for six. McCrum's outswing unhinged Moxon, Parker and Blakey, while Eagleson too posed problems.

"If they'd got another wicket then, we could have been in trouble," Gough said, but White, who rescued Yorkshire against the same opponents two years ago, had begun to dig in and Hartley joined him to fight through to lunch. Afterwards, as Ireland's bowling faltered, Hartley went on with White and then Gough to claim his own career-best score and take Yorkshire to comparative riches.

By then, the clouds had lifted, but there was still enough in the atmosphere and in the pitch for Silverwood and Gough. Silverwood showed signs of rediscovering his rhythm and, with Gough moving in irresistibly, Ireland understandably looked out of their depth against Test bowlers.

Ireland already hold the unwanted record of the lowest score in the competition, 39 against Sussex in 1985, and, at 12 for five, even that looked a formidable target. Some purposeful drives by Heasley ended that threat, but, by then, Gough was getting his tail up and, after he bowled Heasley, his swinging yorkers were too much for the Ireland tail.

Penberthy and Sales keep Cumberland at bay

By Michael Austin

BARROW (Cumberland won toss): Northamptonshire beat Cumberland by 36 runs

CUMBERLAND had Northamptonshire wobbling at 68 for five before Tony Penberthy and David Sales intervened with half-centuries to shatter another minor county's dream. Penberthy later added five for 56 to his 57 from 112 balls and was named man of the match.

His studious sixth-wicket partnership with Sales, which yielded 84 in 25 overs, did not blur Cumberland's contribution on the inaugural visit of a first-class county to the Furness area. They bowled out Northamptonshire within the 60-over limit and Andrew Mawson, 22, who had trials with Middlesex last week, made 77, including ten fours.

Mawson, born in Workington and a Kendal opener, shared a fourth-wicket stand of 66 in 28 overs with Simon Dutton, the captain, but the respectable tempo failed to approach the match-winning zone.

When the required rate escalated to more than six an over with five wickets in hand, the inevitable collapse followed, with Penberthy supplementing his initial breakthrough with the wickets of Simon Kippax and David Pennett.

His earlier strokeplay, and that of Sales, contrasted with loose offerings from senior batsmen on a pitch assisting the seam bowlers. Pennett, the former Nottinghamshire fast bowler, who earns his living outside the game as a male model, bowled with zest and took three wickets. Cumberland held all eight catches offered and refused to be overawed.

Sales scored 53 from 84 balls, having been fortified by a promise from John Emburey, the coach, of an extended first-team run.

Much continues to be expected of Sales, who made a double-century on his county championship debut last season and, at 19, he is still eligible for England Young Cricketers. Northamptonshire are requesting his release from this summer series against Zimbabwe in the broader aim of embellishing his senior experience.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

NatWest Trophy
First round

Buckinghamshire v Essex

BEACONSFIELD (Buckinghamshire won toss): Essex beat Buckinghamshire by 89 runs

ESSEX

*P J Prichard c Scriven b Percy	58
D D J Robinson c Burns b Owen	0
N Hussain c Owen b Arthurton	78
S G Law c Stanway b Clarke	14
R C Irani c Burns b Arthurton	28
A P Grayson c and b Arthurton	58
D R Law c Hurd b Arthurton	6
†R J Rollins not out	67
A P Cowan not out	3
Extras (lb 3, w 14)	17
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs)	327

M C Ilott and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-130, 3-159, 4-172, 5-220, 6-232, 7-297.

BOWLING: Stanway 6-2-27-0; Owen 12-0-81-1, Scriven 12-2-58-0, Percy 7-0-35-1; Clarke 11-1-70-1; Arthurton 12-1-53-4

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

R B Hurd c Prichard b Such	19
M Bowyer c Cowan b Grayson	43
†N D Burns b S G Law	51
K L R Arthurton c Hussain b Grayson	18
B S Percy c Hussain b Grayson	17
P Sawyer not out	32
C M Jaggard c Grayson b Cowan	28
A R Clarke c Rollins b Irani	0
*T G A Scriven not out	3
Extras (lb 10, w 14, nb 4)	28
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs)	239

D M Owen and S F Stanway did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-117, 3-127, 4-166, 5-166, 6-213, 7-215

BOWLING: Ilott 12-1-34-0; Cowan 10-1-35-1; Irani 7-0-31-1; Such 12-1-56-1; Grayson 11-0-40-3; S G Law 8-1-32-1

Man-of-the-match: R J Rollins

Umpires: J H Hampshire and A Clarkson.

Cambs v Hampshire

WISBECH (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire beat Cambridgeshire by 239 runs

HAMPSHIRE

J S Laney c Ajaz Akhtar b Ralfs	40
M L Hayden c and b Whybom	90
R A Smith b Ralfs	126
M Keech run out	25
S D Udal not out	6
W S Kendall not out	0
Extras (b 8, lb 9, w 15, nb 2)	34
Total (4 wkts, 60 overs)	321

*J P Stephenson, R J Maru, †A N Aymes, C A Connor and S J Renshaw did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-253, 3-297, 4-315

BOWLING: Whybom 11-0-62-1, Ajaz Akhtar 11-3-44-0; Smith 12-2-44-0; Ralfs 12-1-69-2; Donelan 7-0-44-0. Gadsby 7-0-41-0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

R P Merriman c Aymes b Connor	11
S A Kellett lbw b Stephenson	10
G W Ecclestone run out	0
S Mohammed b Stephenson	7
*N T Gadsby lbw b Udal	1
B T P Donelan c Stephenson b Udal	3
Ajaz Akhtar c and b Stephenson	5
T S Smith c Renshaw b Udal	9
D F Ralfs not out	14
C M Whybom b Stephenson	7
†C D Durant lbw b Stephenson	1
Extras (lb 7, w 3, nb 4)	14
Total (38.2 overs)	82

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-19, 3-32, 4-33, 5-33, 6-43, 7-47, 8-60, 9-80

BOWLING: Connor 8-3-11-1; Renshaw 7-1-17-0; Udal 12-7-13-3. Stephenson 11.2-3-34-5.

Man-of-the-match: R A Smith

Umpires: M R Benson and R A White

Cumberland v Northamptonshire

BARROW (Northamptonshire won toss) Northamptonshire beat Cumberland by 36 runs

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

M B Loye lbw b Sharp	18
†R J Warren c Dutton b Sharp	3
*R J Bailey c Mawson b Pennett	10
K M Curran c Clarke b Beech	21
A L Penberthy c Pearson b Kippax	57
T C Walton c Dutton b Scothern	6
D J G Sales c Kippax b Fielding	53
J N Snape c Knox b Kippax	5
K J Innes c Dutton b Pennett	25
J E Emburey b Pennett	1
J P Taylor not out	3
Extras (lb 9, w 11)	20
Total (56.4 overs)	223

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-33, 3-33, 4-50, 5-68, 6-152, 7-182, 8-210, 9-218

BOWLING: Pennett 9.4-1-42-3, Sharp 9-1-27-2; Scothern 12-1-50-1, Beech 5-0-21-1, Fielding 12-3-24-1; Kippax 9-0-50-2.

CUMBERLAND

D J Pearson b Curran	3
A D Mawson c Warren b Penberthy	77
S Knox c Warren b Penberthy	0
G J Clarke c Bailey b Penberthy	9
*†S M Dutton c Bailey b Snape	38
P Beech c Walton b Curran	5
S J A Kippax c and b Penberthy	5
J M Fielding run out	5
D B Pennett c Snape b Penberthy	1
M D Scothern not out	23
M A Sharp not out	7
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 6, nb 4)	14
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs)	187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-20, 3-34, 4-100, 5-106, 6-114, 7-125, 8-126, 9-169.

BOWLING: Taylor 10-1-40-0; Curran 12-4-31-2; Penberthy 11-2-56-5, Emburey 12-3-22-0; Bailey 3-0-12-0; Snape 12-4-22-1

Umpires: B Leadbeater and M Johnson

Man of the Match: A L Penberthy.

Devon v Leicestershire

EXMOUTH (Leicestershire won toss) Leicestershire beat Devon by 53 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE

V J Wells b Warren	0
D L Maddy b Roebuck	15
I J Sutcliffe not out	103
*J J Whitaker lbw b Roebuck	12
N C Johnson st Read b Macgill	4
J M Dakin lbw b Donohue	6
†P A Nixon c Read b Donohue	1
T J Mason c and b Pugh	30
G J Parsons c Folland b Pugh	9
D J Millns not out	6
Extras (b 6, lb 17, w 10, nb 2)	39
Total (8 wkts, 60 overs)	225

M T Brimson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-43, 3-73, 4-78, 5-98, 6-99, 7-166, 8-181

BOWLING: Donohue 12-2-44-2; Warren 6-1-24-1; Pugh 6-0-32-2; Roebuck 12-2-27-2; Macgill 12-2-30-1; Cottam 12-1-41-0

DEVON

N R Gaywood lbw b Millns	5
G T J Townsend b Wells	37
N A Folland c Maddy b Mason	17
*P M Roebuck c Nixon b Wells	6
R J Baggs b Brimson	5
A J Pugh st Nixon b Brimson	29
†C M W Read lbw b Mason	3
S C G Macgill b Mason	4
K Donohue b Wells	5
A C Cottam not out	22
P M Warren not out	12
Extras (b 5, lb 14, w 8)	27
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs)	172

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-58, 3-78, 4-88, 5-97, 6-101, 7-115, 8-132, 9-134.

BOWLING: Parsons 12-3-34-0; Millns 7-1-25-1, Wells 12-1-30-3; Mason 12-1-29-3; Brimson 12-4-16-2; Maddy 4-0-15-0; Johnson 1-0-4-0.

Man-of-the-match: I J Sutcliffe

Umpires: G Sharp and N Mallender

Glamorgan v Bedfordshire

CARDIFF (Bedfordshire won toss): Glamorgan beat Bedfordshire by seven wickets

BEDFORDSHIRE

W Larkins lbw b Watkin	1
R N Dalton b Waqar	8
N A Stanley lbw b Butcher	29
A R Roberts lbw b Watkin	7
C K Bullen lbw b Watkin	2
*P D B Hoare lbw b Butcher	12
A J Trott c Morris b Croft	14
Z A Sher b Waqar	5
B J Young not out	30
†G D Sandford c Maynard b Cottey	16
M R White not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 21, nb 14)	49
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs)	179

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-8, 3-18, 4-32, 5-74, 6-93, 7-111, 8-111, 9-149.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 10-3-35-2; Watkin 11-3-23-3; Thomas 12-1-38-0; Dale 2-0-5-0; Butcher 7-0-33-2; Croft 12-5-14-1; Cottey 3-0-9-1; Maynard 3-0-8-0

GLAMORGAN

R D B Croft c Stanley b Dalton	64
H Morris c Larkins b Sher	13
†A D Shaw c Roberts b Dalton	19
*M P Maynard not out	41
P A Cottey not out	26
Extras (lb 2, w 15, nb 2)	19
Total (3 wkts, 30.2 overs)	182

S P James, A Dale, G P Butcher, S D Thomas, Waqar Younis and S L Watkin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-106, 3-114.

BOWLING: White 9.2-0-46-0; Sher 3-0-42-1; Roberts 9-0-40-0; Dalton 6-0-32-2; Bullen 2-0-9-0; Trott 1-0-11-0.

Man-of-the-match: R D B Croft.

Umpires: V A Holder and N Cowley.

Gloucestershire v Scotland

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire beat Scotland by 101 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright c Kennedy b Williamson	177
N J Trainor c Patterson b Steindl	143
S Young not out	14
M A Lynch not out	0
Extras (lb 3, w 10, nb 4)	17
Total (2 wkts, 60 overs)	351

R J Cunliffe, *M W Alleyne, †R C Russell, T H C Hancock, M C J Ball, K P Sheeraz and J Lewis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-311, 2-348.

BOWLING: Steindl 12-2-67-1; Thomson 12-1-53-0; Stanger 10-0-69-0, Williamson 4-0-28-1, Sheridan 12-0-69-0, Kennedy 10-0-62-0

SCOTLAND

B M W Patterson c Russell b Hancock	77
I L Philip c Russell b Young	21
M J Smith st Russell b Hancock	73
*G Salmond c Russell b Hancock	1
J G Williamson c Lewis b Hancock	7
I M Stanger b Hancock	21
†A G Davies c Lynch b Trainor	16
S R Kennedy not out	7
P D Steindl b Hancock	7
K L P Sheridan c and b Trainor	0
K Thomson not out	1
Extras (lb 3, w 14, nb 2)	19
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs)	250

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-189, 3-193, 4-187, 5-202, 6-234, 7-236, 8-245, 9-249

BOWLING: Lewis 9-0-38-0; Young 6-0-20-1, Alleyne 6-0-28-0; Sheeraz 10-1-30-0; Ball 12-1-48-0, Hancock 12-0-58-6, Trainor 5-0-25-2

Man-of-the-match: A J Wright.

Umpires: J W Holder and M K Reed

Lancashire v Berkshire

OLD TRAFFORD (Berkshire won toss) Lancashire beat Berkshire by 169 runs

LANCASHIRE

P C McKeown c Hodgson b Kendrick	42
*M A Atherton c Seymour b Barrow	8
J P Crawley lbw b Marc	11
G D Lloyd b Sylvester	96
M E Harvey b Myles	86
I D Austin b Myles	2
†W K Hegg st Lane b Sylvester	37
G Yates not out	34
G Chapple not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 10, w 11, nb 10)	33
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs)	351

P J Martin and D J Shadford did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-58, 3-88, 4-264, 5-267, 6-285, 7-337

BOWLING: Marc 9-0-61-1, Barrow 9-0-32-1, Kendrick 12-0-46-1; Myles 12-0-77-2; Hartley 9-0-64-0; Sylvester 9-0-59-2

BERKSHIRE

G E Loveday c Hegg b Martin	11
*J P J Sylvester c Atherton b Chapple	22
S A Seymour b Yates	17
S D Myles c Hegg b Yates	25
J Hodgson not out	53
H M Hall c Harvey b Austin	17
†M G Lane not out	18
Extras (lb 5, w 12, nb 2)	19
Total (5 wkts, 60 overs)	182

N M Kendrick, K Marc, D J Hartley and J K Barrow did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-37, 3-79, 4-82, 5-147

BOWLING: Austin 12-5-22-1, Martin 10-3-14-1; Chapple 6-0-28-1, Shadford 7-0-31-0; Yates 12-3-15-2; Lloyd 2-0-12-0; McKeown 10-0-51-0, Crawley 1-0-4-0

Man-of-the-match: M E Harvey

Umpires: H D Bird and A G T Whitehead.

Lincolnshire v Derbyshire

LINCOLN LINDUM (Derbyshire won toss) Derbyshire beat Lincolnshire by eight wickets

LINCOLNSHIRE

J R Wileman b Malcolm	1
S G Plumb b Malcolm	8
M R Gouldstone b Aldred	37
R J Evans c Aldred b DeFreitas	3
*M A Fell lbw b Aldred	17
P A Rawden run out	3
L C Weekes c Krikken b Harris	8
†P Trend lbw b Harris	0
S A Bradford not out	15
D A Christmas b Aldred	0
S Oakes c Clarke b Aldred	4
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 14, nb 5)	23
Total (50.2 overs)	116

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-11, 3-14, 4-40, 5-40, 6-53, 7-81, 8-111, 9-111

BOWLING: Malcolm 12-2-27-2; DeFreitas 11-4-20-1, Aldred 10.2-2-30-4, Harris 8-2-12-2, Clarke 6-1-12-0; Barnett 3-0-11-0.

DERBYSHIRE

A S Rollins c Gouldstone b Bradford	21
J E Owen c Trend b Oakes	10
C J Adams not out	71
T A Tweats not out	5
Extras (w 4, nb 10)	14
Total (2 wkts, 19 overs)	121

K J Barnett, V P Clarke, †K M Krikken, *P A J DeFreitas, P Aldred, A J Harris and D E Malcolm did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-87

BOWLING: Weekes 6-1-39-0; Oakes 5-0-34-1; Christmas 4-0-30-0; Bradford 4-1-18-1

Man-of-the-match: C J Adams.

Umpires: N T Plews and P Adams.

Middlesex v Kent

LORD'S (Kent won toss) Middlesex beat Kent by three wickets

KENT

D P Fulton c Brown b Fraser	9
M J Walker c Brown b Fraser	13
T R Ward c Brown b Hewitt	0
A P Wells c Brown b Bloomfield	9
N J Llong c Brown b Johnson	68
M A Ealham c Fraser b Johnson	46
M V Fleming c Ramprakash b Johnson	41
P A Strang c Ramprakash b Johnson	6
*†S A Marsh b Johnson	0
M J McCague not out	4
D W Headley lbw b Weekes	1
Extras (lb 12, w 14, nb 2)	28
Total (59.5 overs)	225

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-21, 3-33, 4-64, 5-161, 6-173, 7-217, 8-217, 9-218.

BOWLING: Fraser 11.5-3-22-2, Hewitt 8-0-41-1; Bloomfield 8-2-25-1, Johnson 12-1-50-5, Weekes 12-0-47-1; Ramprakash 8-0-28-0

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes b Llong	34
J H Kallis c McCague b Headley	4
*M R Ramprakash b Fleming	72
M W Gatting b Ealham	20
J C Pooley c sub b Llong	12
†K R Brown lbw b Headley	20
O A Shah not out	27
R L Johnson b Headley	8
J P Hewitt not out	14
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 6)	16
Total (7 wkts)	227

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-86, 3-142, 4-148, 5-169, 6-193, 7-195.

BOWLING: Headley 12-1-31-3, McCague 2-0-8-0; Fleming 12-3-22-1, Ealham 12-0-45-1. Llong 9.2-0-49-2; Strang 12-0-62-0.

Man-of-the-match: M R Ramprakash

Umpires: B J Meyer and G I Burgess

Notts v Staffs

TRENT BRIDGE (Nottinghamshire won toss) Nottinghamshire beat Staffordshire by ten wickets

STAFFORDSHIRE

*S J Dean b Evans	4
I W E Stokes c Afzaal b Franks	18
L Potter c Archer b Astle	19
D K Pashley b Astle	5
P F Shaw c Franks b Archer	18
D R Womble lbw b Astle	6
†M I Humphries c Archer b Pick	2
C G Feltham not out	6
D J Brock b Pick	3
A Richardson lbw b Pick	0
S D Horsfall run out	0
Extras (lb 7, w 7)	14
Total (45.3 overs)	95

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-48, 3-48, 4-73, 5-76, 6-86, 7-90, 8-95, 9-95.

BOWLING: Pick 9-1-17-3; Evans 7.3-4-3-1. Franks 9-5-14-1; Bowen 5-0-17-0, Astle 10-2-20-3; Archer 5-1-17-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard not out	42
*R T Robinson not out	41
Extras (lb 1, w 8, nb 4)	13
Total (no wkt, 31.5 overs)	96

U Afzaal, N J Astle, A A Metcalfe, G F Archer, †W M Noon, K P Evans, M N Bowen, R A Pick and P J Franks did not bat.

BOWLING: Richardson 9-2-26-0; Horsfall 6-1-15-0; Brock 8-1-31-0; Womble 4-0-17-0; Potter 4-1-5-0; Feltham 0.5-0-1-0

Man-of-the-match: N J Astle

Umpires: J C Balderstone and M J Kitchen.

Somerset v Herefordshire

TAUNTON (Somerset won toss): Somerset beat Herefordshire by 231 runs

SOMERSET

M Burns c Cooper b Radford	6
P C L Holloway c and b Skyrme	90
*P D Bowler c Cooper b Skyrme	87
S C Ecclestone b Radford	101
M N Lathwell c Skyrme b Fowles	42
†R J Turner not out	14
K A Parsons not out	0
Extras (b 7, lb 10, w 10)	27
Total (5 wkts, 60 overs)	367

G D Rose, J I D Kerr, A R Caddick and Mushtaq Ahmed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-193, 3-223, 4-351, 5-361

BOWLING: Radford 12-1-64-2; Cooper 12-0-63-0; Harding 12-0-53-0; Fowles 10-0-73-1; Blakemore 2-0-19-0; Skyrme 12-0-78-2.

HEREFORDSHIRE

H V Patel b Rose	3
R Hall b Mushtaq	29
R Barlow b Mushtaq	15
I Blakemore c Bowler b Kerr	7
D Graham b Kerr	2
*R P Skyrme c Bowler b Mushtaq	7
†S R Bevins c Rose b Mushtaq	8
N V Radford not out	25
M G Fowles b Kerr	0
R J Harding c Lathwell b Rose	17
K Cooper b Caddick	4
Extras (lb 4, w 11, nb 4)	19
Total (37.4 overs)	136

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-80, 3-65, 4-68, 5-72, 6-83, 7-99, 8-100, 9-131.

BOWLING: Caddick 8.4-1-30-1. Rose 9-0-43-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 12-0-27-4; Kerr 8-0-32-3.

Man-of-the-match: S W Ecclestone

Umpires: D J Constant and K J Lyons.

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The latest standings in Interactive Team Cricket will appear tomorrow

Surrey v Durham

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss) Surrey beat Durham by five wickets

DURHAM

J J B Lewis c B C Hollioake b Bicknell	1
N J Speak c Butcher b Lewis	4
J E Morris c Stewart b Lewis	75
*D C Boon b Salisbury	57
†M P Speight b Salisbury	9
P D Collingwood c Brown b Saqlain Mushtaq	15
M J Foster not out	56
M M Betts c Lewis b Salisbury	3
J Boiling not out	6
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 12)	21
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs)	247

S J E Brown and A Walker did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-26, 3-143, 4-165, 5-172, 6-198, 7-208

BOWLING: Bicknell 10-2-25-1; Lewis 11-1-37-2; A J Hollioake 8-0-46-0; B C Hollioake 7-1-31-0, Saqlain Mushtaq 12-1-63-1; Salisbury 12-0-36-3

SURREY

J D Ratcliffe c Boon b Foster	39
M A Butcher c Speight b Brown	0
†A J Stewart not out	90
G P Thorpe c Speight b Foster	0
A D Brown c Morris b Betts	44
*A J Hollioake b Brown	34
C C Lewis not out	3
Extras (lb 13, w 12, nb 16)	41
Total (5 wkts, 48.5 overs)	251

B C Hollioake, M P Bicknell, I D K Salisbury and Saqlain Mushtaq did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-102, 3-102, 4-180, 5-231

BOWLING: Brown 10-0-42-2, Betts 9-0-73-1; Walker 9.5-1-32-0, Foster 8-1-37-2; Boiling 12-0-54-0

Man-of-the-match: A J Stewart

Umpires: T E Jesty and R Palmer

Sussex v Shropshire

HOVE (Sussex won toss) Sussex beat Shropshire by ten wickets

SHROPSHIRE

J V Anders c Moores b Drakes	8
K Sharp lbw b Kirtley	3
J B R Jones c Moores b Robinson	14
Asif din b Kirtley	1
*M R Davies lbw b Robinson	9
A N Johnson c Moores b Kirtley	15
A B Byram b Khan	5
G J Byram lbw b Kirtley	0
†A N Mackelworth b Kirtley	0
D L Bowen not out	11
A Shimmons run out	14
Extras (lb 15, w 13, nb 8)	36
Total (47.5 overs)	116

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-23, 3-25, 4-39, 5-54, 6-79, 7-79, 8-79, 9-79

BOWLING: Kirtley 12-2-39-5, Drakes 7-4-13-1; K Newell 9-4-8-0; Robinson 11.5-4-28-2; Khan 8-2-13-1

SUSSEX

K Greenfield not out	89
C W J Athey not out	18
Extras (lb 4, w 2, nb 6)	12
Total (no wkt, 45.4 overs)	119

N R Taylor, M Newell, K Newell, *†P Moores, V C Drakes, M J Thursfield, A A Khan, M A Robinson and R J Kirtley did not bat.

BOWLING: Shimmons 4-0-27-0; G J Byram 7-1-22-0; Asif din 12-7-20-0, A B Byram 12-4-29-0. Bowen 7-2-15-0; Anders 3.4-2-2-0.

Man-of-the-match: R J Kirtley

Umpires: R Julian and J Lloyds

Warwickshire v Norfolk

EDGBASTON (Norfolk won toss): Warwickshire beat Norfolk by 80 runs

WARWICKSHIRE

*N V Knight c Amos b Newman	0
N M K Smith c Amos b Newman	4
D L Hemp c Rogers b Newman	0
T L Penney run out	0
A J Moles b Newman	64
D R Brown c Rogers b Bradshaw	1
G Welch b Bradshaw	5
A F Giles lbw b D R Thomas	69
†T Frost c Boyden b D R Thomas	0
G C Small not out	32
A A Donald c Newman b Bradshaw	1
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 15, nb 10)	31
Total (59.3 overs)	207

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-5, 3-5, 4-6, 5-15, 6-25, 7-162, 8-162, 9-202

BOWLING: Newman 12-2-23-4, Bradshaw 11.3-1-42-3; Goldsmith 6-1-13-0, M W Thomas 12-0-50-0; Adams 3-0-13-0; D R Thomas 10-1-38-2; Fox 5-0-22-0

NORFOLK

C J Rogers b Giles	13
C Amos c Knight b Welch	13
T J Boon lbw b Giles	12
D R Thomas c Moles b Giles	4
N J Adams b Giles	0
S C Goldsmith c Frost b Donald	22
*P G Newman c Frost b Donald	5
N Fox lbw b Small	21
M W Thomas st Frost b Giles	6
P J Bradshaw c Hemp b Donald	0
†M K L Boyden not out	8
Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 7, nb 2)	23
Total (48.2 overs)	127

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-46, 3-49, 4-53, 5-53, 6-83, 7-84, 8-91, 9-96

BOWLING: Donald 12-4-36-3, Welch 8-1-18-1, Brown 12-4-22-0; Giles 12-8-21-5, Smith 4-0-16-0; Small 0.2-0-0-1

Man-of-the-match: A F Giles

Umpires: J H Harris and A A Jones

Worcestershire v Holland

WORCESTER (Holland won toss): Worcestershire beat Holland by 111 runs

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T M Moody c Lefebvre b Dulfer	108
T S Curtis b van Dijk	28
G A Hick c de Leede b Goodwin	7
G R Haynes run out	32
K R Spiring c de Leede b Lefebvre	53
D A Leatherdale c Dulfer b de Leede	42
S R Lampitt not out	28
†S J Rhodes not out	0
Extras (lb 8, w 20, nb 10)	38
Total (6 wkts, 60 overs)	336

P J Newport, A Sheriyar and M Rawnsley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-81, 2-109, 3-199, 4-205, 5-292, 6-330

BOWLING: Khan 12-2-59-0; Lefebvre 12-0-42-1, van Dijk 12-0-68-1, Dulfer 10-0-82-1, de Leede 8-0-49-1; Goodwin 5-1-28-1; Zulfiqar 1-0-20-0

HOLLAND

R Van Oosterom c Hick b Newport	2
B Zuiderent run out	99
M Goodwin c Rhodes b Haynes	4
K J van Noortwijk run out	25
*T de Leede c Spiring b Sheriyar	10
A Zulfiqar b Newport	21
†M Schewe c Haynes b Rawnsley	10
A Khan c Newport b Hick	5
R Lefebvre b Rawnsley	4
S van Dijk not out	8
E Dulfer lbw b Hick	3
Extras (lb 3, w 9, nb 22)	34
Total (54.2 overs)	225

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-36, 3-122, 4-139, 5-181, 6-195, 7-205, 8-209, 9-217

BOWLING: Newport 12-0-52-2; Haynes 9-2-18-1; Lampitt 5-0-28-0; Rawnsley 11-2-50-2; Sheriyar 7-0-35-1; Leatherdale 6-0-25-0; Hick 4.2-0-14-2

Man-of-the-match: B Zuiderent

Umpires: P Willey and J F Steele

Yorkshire v Ireland

HEADINGLEY (Ireland won toss): Yorkshire beat Ireland by 196 runs

YORKSHIRE

M D Moxon c Rutherford b McCrum	0
A McGrath c Rutherford b Eagleson	0
*D Byas lbw b Eagleson	10
D S Lehmann b Heasley	17
B Parker c Molins b McCrum	0
C White lbw b Benson	63
†R J Blakey c Patterson b McCrum	3
P J Hartley c Benson b Heasley	83
D Gough run out	46
C E W Silverwood c Lewis b Heasley	3
R D Stemp not out	0
Extras (lb 1, w 23)	24
Total (59.4 overs)	249

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-16, 3-23, 4-31, 5-45, 6-55, 7-155, 8-234, 9-249.

BOWLING: McCrum 12-5-26-3, Eagleson 10-2-40-2, Heasley 9.4-1-41-3; Molins 8-0-38-0, Benson 11-1-55-1; Lewis 3-0-23-0; Curry 6-0-24-0

IRELAND

J D Curry lbw b Gough	4
W K McCallan c Blakey b Gough	2
D A Lewis c Byas b Silverwood	0
*J D R Benson lbw b Silverwood	0
A D Patterson b Silverwood	0
A R Dunlop lbw b Gough	5
D Heasley b Gough	18
R L Eagleson c Byas b Gough	10
†A T Rutherford not out	4
G L Molins lbw b Gough	0
P McCrum lbw b Gough	0
Extras (lb 2, w 6, nb 2)	10
Total (18.5 overs)	53

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-7, 3-11, 4-12, 5-12, 6-24, 7-39, 8-51, 9-51

BOWLING: Gough 9.5-1-27-7, Silverwood 8-2-24-3; Hartley 1-1-0-0

Man-of-the-match: D Gough

Umpires: J D Bond and M J Harris.

Fabulous Greg lifts spirits after ritual sacrifice

LYNNE TRUSS

Kicking and Screaming

Applause can take all sorts of forms. We are all familiar with the concept of rapturous, for example. Or restrained. The applause that greeted Clare Wood, of Britain, yesterday afternoon, as she entered Centre Court with Arantxa Sánchez Vicario for her inevitable damn good first-round thrashing, had an interesting tenor. Encouraging, you might call it, but more like that old familiar Wimbledon phenomenon — warm commiseration before the fact.

Poor Clare Wood. What a life. All those years learning how to tie a perfect French plait and then this happens. Wood is 29, apparently, and not on top form in any case, but she has every reason to curse the gods of tennis, who drew her in the first round against a foreign whizz-bang opponent that the crowd has loved dearly for yonks. Everyone loves Arantxa. A lot of it has to do with her resilient personality and serious, beetle-browed expression, but mostly it is to do with her ingenious solution to the spare-ball problem, which lends her an air of bunny-rabbit.

Anyway, the crowd was very nice to Wood. In her second service game, she scored her first point of the match and the crowd let her know with a hearty cheer that, despite their polite silence over the matter, they had, after all, been keeping count. After that, she fought for her own service games with consistent dauntless pluck, but failed to win a single one. The humiliation of a Brit on Centre Court was, thus, duly performed in less than an hour and a sense of relief went round. The obligatory British blood sacrifice had been made to the gods of the chequered towel, leaving a nice little cosmic slipstream for Greg Rusedski to shimmy through.

Sorry to be so superstitious, but it is quite normal to look for signs and wonders at an event like Wimbledon. It is normal to think in terms of hubris and all that. One of the great pleasures of watching tennis in the flesh, in fact, is that one is spared those wrath-inducing comments from the BBC telly Old Bores, who always make reckless predictions such as: "Well, nothing can stop Agassi now." — presumptions guaranteed to get the goat of Fate. "Don't say that, you Old Bore, don't you know what will happen?" I have railed at John Barrett for many years now, and before him, I railed at Dan Maskell, too. Watching matches free from their comments is a fabulous treat, well worth the price of admission.

What other signs boded well for Greg? Or dear old fabulous Greg, as one really ought to call him. Well, there was still no appearance from the enormous inflated strawberry I saw preparing itself in Wimbledon Park on Monday morning. Perhaps fruit-impersonating hot-air balloons are not permitted air space over Wimbledon. Or perhaps someone ate it.

Out among the milling crowds before the Rusedski-Philippoussis game was resumed on Centre Court, I heard the dread word "Thunder!" go round, but this proved a false alarm. The low distant rumble turned out to be efficient Wimbledon staff relocating wheelie bins on concrete.

On the subject of dear old fabulous Greg, I have to admit that formerly, in my sheer ignorance, I resented his charity. "We don't need your charity," I would declare roundly, trying not to cry. That, however, was before it became apparent that he is a really exciting British prospect and also an awfully nice chap with only a mild towelling fetish, who looks a bit like Kevin Costner. Philippoussis looks a bit like Johnny Depp, incidentally.

So, dear old fabulous Greg entered Centre Court to a rather different timbre of applause. If Wood's contained the sub-text "We'll still love you, you mustn't worry", Greg's was "Hail Sun God, rise and lead thy people". The situation created an obvious problem, however: good sense required Greg to polish off Philippoussis with the minimum of fuss, whereas one's love of drama and fingernail-gnawing required him to struggle through to five sets and win something famously hard. Good sense prevailed, dammit ... I mean, thank God. How confusing. If one could say "Phew" and "Swizz" with the same breath, I'd do it.

Wimbledon is beginning to fall into place. The layout is getting clearer, distances are getting shorter and my principal concern is which dandy commemorative key-fob to buy from the Wimbledon Shop. One of them appears to incorporate a solid-gold tennis ball, which would be a little ostentatious. I have stopped trying to see everything and keep up. The important thing, clearly, is to relax, eat ice cream and cruise the outer courts, stopping to watch a point here, a service-break there, or a wild Chilean contingent waving flags.

Going with the flow in such a manner, I had a pleasant five minutes waiting outside the Players' Entrance and seeing nobody come in. "Are we waiting for anyone in particular?" I asked two middle-aged ladies with perms. "Oh no," they said, leaning heavily on the public barrier, "we were having a rest."

Later on, though, Helena Sukova strode past me on her way to No 3 Court and it was one of the most thrilling things that has happened for years. Pure Amazon, with eye contact. Good heavens. The fact that she was setting off to give a damn good thrashing to yet another hopeful Brit seemed only fitting in the circumstances.

Becker hungry to recapture those moments of glory

By Rob Hughes

IT WOULD take a different kind of fool to the one writing this report to surmise that the days of Boris Becker bestriding Wimbledon are over. Yesterday, summoning up something approaching the power, the belief and the movement that made him the champion at the age of 17, the German, now 29, simply annihilated his first-round opponent, Marcos Aurelio Gorriz.

The match was on No 2 Court, where history shows that many a champion has fallen. "It was never the graveyard for me," Becker announced afterwards. "That was the old No 1Court — and Wimbledon has done me the favour of digging that one up."

Almost serene as the sun shone on that intimate outside court yesterday, Becker, after parading with the greats at the opening of the new No 1 Court on Monday — Rod Laver *et al.* began again to look awesome.

Winning in straight sets 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, he showed up the Catalan for what he is — a clay-court pretender, who is ranked No 173 in the world. At the age of 33, Gorriz is not going to improve and neither is the ratio of his bank balance compared to that of Becker, who was accumulated $24 million from play alone.

Becker consumed Gorriz. His serve was too severe, his anticipation too quick, his all-court knowledge far too consumate. Becker took a look at the Spaniard for six games then broke him on the seventh.

In the second set, he broke twice and in the third almost at will as he upped the tempo to emphasise the gulf in class, finishing off Gorriz virtually at his leisure.

If the test of his tennis was a feeble one and Becker's 109th victory on grass — more than any contemporary player — came all too easily, he can hardly be blamed for that.

I, for one, was delighted to find him on a court where you could almost stretch out and touch the contestants, hear every sound they made and see, in Becker, the complete athlete, in both body and mind.

The right wrist, in which he ruptured a tendon while in action on court one at Wimbledon last year, is as firm as he needs it to be. After dipping to eighteenth in the rankings during an injury-plagued last 12 months, his confidence is returning.

"I feel pretty good" he said after yesterday's victory. "That was a good first round, because first rounds usually come more difficult than that, especially when everything is new. As long as I am in tennis, in a very, very competitive way, I feel I have a chance to win Wimbledon.

"It depends on the draw, on the weather ... but in my mind I think I have a chance on grass against anybody. I am not looking ahead to the next rounds, just to what I feel in myself."

And that is ominous, like Vesuvius ready to erupt. You can sense in the grey eyes, and in the way he moves around the place that this man is ready to boom again. Man? He is a veritable industry. Said to be worth £60 milion, he has brought to London a whole entourage of helpers, of family, of medical experts. He was visibly moved, proud beyond his recollection, to be part of the opening ceremony of the new court one.

"Yes, I was deeply honoured. I had lunch with Rod Laver, John McEnroe and Margaret Court. When I started playing tennis, I never expected to be in that group, and to do it while I still have things to win in my career is a wonderful feeling."

He has this year, possibly next, to win his fourth Wimbledon title. He is attempting to extend a sequence that began 12 years ago, and which, some people thought, ended when he last won the crown in 1989.

Yet, can this be the same individual who seven years ago mused: "I would like to be as free as the people out there" referring to a group of squatters in Hamburg.

"I don't want to be an idol for others, I just want to be a private person, allowed to live my life my way."

Now with a young son, Noah, for whom he would like to provide a vision of his father in triumph, Becker has reappraised his priorities.

Pete Sampras may be the one individual who could give him a real game if he he truly regains the near unbeatable power and spirit that made him a champion for the Eighties.

THE FITNESS FRAGRANCE BY RALPH LAUREN

Hingis wriggles out of a tight corner

Simon Barnes sees

the women's No 1

seed get off to an

unconvincing start

GILL ALLEN

Hingis's frustration is evident during her stuttering performance against Kremer

Not much rain about yesterday for a change, but plenty of heavy weather, most of it being made by the No 1 seed, Martina Hingis. First-round matches for the top seed in the women's tournament are supposed to be 40-minute jobs, perhaps a few minutes less if you are playing a qualifier.

But Anne Kremer, a 21-year-old Luxembourgeois, chose the policy of having a good old whack at everything that moved, went for the lines uninhibitedly and, with just a fraction more nerve, would have won this match in straight sets.

Instead, Hingis won 6-4, 6-4 and could count herself lucky. It did not look like the performance of a future champion, that is for sure — which is a pity, in a way, because everything else about her is really rather splendid.

There was a buzz going about at the French Open that she had been putting on weight. Yesterday, she went to great pains to show us all that if there was indeed any additional weight, it is all disposed in perfectly appropriate places. She wore a little dress, you see, with little slashes of cherry and peppermint.

And it was tight in the places where it touched her, which was most places. She was all turned out in her best party frock, in short, and looking a picture — but it turned out to be a perfectly rotten party.

Hingis is 16, the world No 1 and seems to have managed the whole thing by treating tennis as if it were just a game. Hard to imagine, I know. Even yesterday, there were moments when she glowed with humour and delight.

That is her gift. Most teenage prodigies are haunted people, disturbing to those who watch them, though not quite as disturbing as those that manipulate them: the tennis parents, the bullying coaches, the *louche* hitting partners.

Hingis, even when rather vexed, not to say perplexed, yesterday, still managed to give the impression that it was all rather a hoot. There is none of the usual "I am a self-made teenage millionaire and it is all perfectly ghastly" about her.

No, she seems to think that becoming rich beyond most people's wildest dreams by playing daft games with furry balls is just about the jolliest thing that could happen to a girl. She is famous for her extracurricular activities, the rollerblading and the horse riding.

In fact, there was a piece in *Horse and Hound* magazine, shortly after she had fallen from a horse, damaged her knee and had to scratch from a tennis tournament, in which Hingis was put forward as Young Rider of the Year. I know: I wrote it. Horses are a good way of keeping sane and a tremendously effective method of making sure that you never get above yourself.

Above all, horses give a sense of perspective. All world champions should fall off horses on a regular basis for the good of their souls. And probably for the good of their long-term prospects in the sport that they play professionally, too.

Hingis has been up on the top deck of a horse since her defeat in the final of the French Open and very good it was to be back, she said. Her own verdict on yesterday's performance was less fulsome — a touch less honest, too.

"Not bad for my first match on grass this year," she said. There was a touch of ruefulness about the otherwise radiant smile. The smile is almost a reflex response with her. She has the knack — Frankie Dettori is one of the few other people who has it — of making people, even after the briefest contact, feel better pleased with their place in the world.

Yet the tennis side of things looked distinctly ropey yesterday. She said it is always harder to play a qualifier, because they have just got through three matches on grass. Hingis, instead of practicing on grass, has been resting her horsemaid's knee and riding horses. Good for the nerves, bad for the grass-court game.

> 'She managed to give the impression that it was all a hoot'

She looked a world-beater when the ball was in the air, but off the ground, her timing was slightly off and she was constantly over-hitting. Not used to the lack of bounce, simply enough. If she once finds her range, she will be a real proposition here. "I could be even more aggressive," she said. "I need to feel confident so I can step in and volley."

But there is not all that much serve to come in behind, so opportunities must be crafted by other means. Her overhead shots are a joy to watch and she was beginning to relearn the joys of the grass-court drop-shot: the ball that hits the turf like a shot budgie.

She is a wonderful player with a wonderfully instinctive grasp of tactics and you would be daft to say that she could not possibly win. For sure, she won't win if she plays like this and it will be a bit of shock if she can improve dramatically enough to win. But then what is the point of being a jolly normal 16-year-old millionaire if you don't go about shocking people?

Mild Tarango goes out with a whimper

By Our Sports Staff

JEFF TARANGO, the 29-year-old American absent from Wimbledon last year after being banned the year before, went out in the first round yesterday. Despite winning the first set, he was beaten 3-6, 7-5, 7-6, 6-4 by Rodolphe Gilbert, a qualifier from France.

Tarango rose to prominence in 1995 when he stormed off court in the middle of a match and accused Bruno Rebeuh, the match umpire, of favoritism. His wife, Benedicte, then slapped Rebeuh.

Tarango was on generally good behavior yesterday, with only a few outbursts over line calls. The match was played on No 4 Court, apparently because of its proximity to the office window of Alan Mills, the head referee.

Tarango's wife sat passively beside the court and said little. His father, Bob, sat alongside and offered only mild encouragement.

In a match that was extended over two days after a rain delay, Tarango's first-day behaviour was impeccable. With play going well, he was even polite to the ball girls as he flicked them loose balls with his racket.

Tarango became frustrated yesterday, however, after losing the third set to a tiebreak. "That's five overrules today against me," he shouted on a disputed line call as he was going down in the fourth set. "That's five, look it up in the computer."

However, it was all mild stuff for a player who once dropped his shorts in a match in Tokyo.At the French Open last month, Thomas Muster had refused to shake his hand after a series of taunts from the American.

Tarango turned down interview requests after the match, but his father — anxious to clear his son's name — spoke for him. "It was ugly what happened two years ago," Bob Tarango said. "It was unfortunate, one of those things that happens in the heat of battle in sports. Jeff and his wife are really great people, but Jeff is a person who wears his heart on his sleeve."

RESULTS FROM THE ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's singles

Winner £415,000

Runner-up. £207,500

Holder: R Krajicek (Holl)

First round

P SAMPRAS (US) bt M Tillstrom (Swe) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2
H Dreekmann (Ger) bt P Fredriksson (Swe) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3
M RIOS (Chile) bt M Bhupathi (India) 6-4, 6-4, 6-3
D van Scheppingen (Holl) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 5-7, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4
J van Lottum (Holl) bt O Stanoytchev (Bul) 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3
T Johansson (Swe) bt D Hrbaty (Slovakia) 7-5, 6-3, 6-1
B BECKER (Ger) bt M Gorriz (Sp) 6-3, 6-2 6-3
Y KAFELNIKOV (Russ) bt J-A Marin (Sp) 6-4, 6-2, 6-0
N Kulti (Swe) bt M Sinner (Ger) 7-6, 6-2, 6-3
J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt O Burrieza (Sp) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3
N Kiefer (Ger) bt A Volkov (Russ) 6-4 6-4, 6-2
A MEDVEDEV (Ukr) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-2, 6-3, 6-4
P RAFTER (Aus) bt G Stafford (SA) 2-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2
J Knippschild (Ger) bt W McGuire (US) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4
M Martelli (It) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-4, 6-3, 6-1
M Ondruska (SA) bt S Schalken (Holl) 3-6, 7-5 6-0, 0-1
C Wilkinson (GB) bt J BJORKMAN (Swe) 7-6, 0-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4
M Woodforde (Aus) bt L Paes (India) 6-3, 7-5, 6-4
A Clement (Fr) bt L Milligan (GB) 2-6, 7-6, 7-5, 6-2
E Alvarez (Sp) bt K Carlsen (Den) 6-7, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2
S Stolle (Aus) bt C Woodruff (US) 6-2, 6-2 6-4
M Stich (Ger) bt J Courier (US) 7-6, 7-5, 7-6
J Gimelstob (US) bt G KUERTEN (Br) 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 1-6, 6-4
J Golmard (Fr) bt J Delgado (GB) 6-4, 6-2, 6-7, 6-2
T Larkham (Aus) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5
P Haarhuis (Holl) bt S Lareau (Can) 6-1, 6-2 7-6
F Clavet (Sp) bt N Lapentti (Ec) 7-5, 6-1 6-3
D Rikl (Cz) bt D Vacek (Cz) 6-1, 6-3, 6-3
G Rusedski (GB) bt M PHILIPPOUSSIS (Aus) 7-6 7-6 6-3
J Stark (US) bt S Huet (Fr) 7-6, 6-7, 6-3 2-6 6-3
D Flach (US) bt B Ellwood (Aus) 6-1 7-6 3-6, 6-4
G Raoux (Fr) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 6-2, 6-4, 6-1
R A Reneberg (US) bt H Arazi (Mor) 7-6 6-4, 7-6
W FERREIRA (SA) bt S Draper (Aus) 6-7, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0, 7-5
R Gilbert (Fr) bt J Tarango (US) 3-6, 7-5, 7-6, 6-4
C Pioline (Fr) bt M Charpentier (Arg) 5-7, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2
F Fetterlein (Den) bt J Novak (Cz) 4-6 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4
M Norman (Swe) bt L E Herrera (Mex) 7-6, 6-1 6-4

Becker: former champion won in straight sets

Women's singles

Winner £373,500

Runner-up £186,750

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

First round

M HINGIS (Switz) bt A L Kremer (Lux) 6-4, 6-4
O Barabanschikova bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-3 6-3
L M Raymond (US) bt E Martincova (Cz) 6-4, 6-2
N J Arendt (US) bt P Langrova (Cz) 6-2, 6-0
L Golarsa (It) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3
S Appelmans (Bel) bt R Simpson (Can) 6-2, 3-6, 6-0
A Frazier (US) bt S Cacic (US) 7-5, 6-4
B SCHULTZ-McCARTHY (Holl) bt S Farina (It) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2
A Glass (Ger) bt R DRAGOMIR (Rom) 5-7, 6-2, 10-8
M Maruska (Austria) bt A Gersi (Cz) 7-6, 6-2
K M Cross (GB) bt L M Wild (US) 6-4, 6-2
M Sánchez-Lorenzo (Sp) bt F Perfetti (It) 6-4, 6-4
G Fernandez (US) bt M Oremans (Holl) 7-6, 6-3
N Dechy (Fr) bt L Courtois (Bel) 6-7, 6-1, 6-2
E Makarova (Russ) bt T Panova (Russ) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3
C MARTINEZ (Sp) bt K Habsudova (Slovakia) 6-1, 6-2
Y Yoshida (Japan) bt R Hiraki (Japan) 6-2, 6-3
H Sukova (Cz) bt S-A Siddall (GB) 7-6, 6-1
A Kournikova (Russ) bt C Rubin (US) 6-1, 6-1
B Rittner (Ger) bt A-G Sidot (Fr) 7-5, 6-4
J Kruger (SA) bt S de Ville (Bel) 7-6, 6-3
A HUBER (Ger) bt H Inoue (Japan) 6-3, 6-3
A J COETZER (SA) bt A Fusai (Fr) 7-6, 6-1
Y Basuki (Indo) bt A Sugiyama (Japan) 6-3 6-0
A SÁNCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt C J Wood (GB) 6-0, 6-0
K-A Guse (Aus) bt K PO (US) 3-6, 7-5, 6-2

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RACING: SOUTHWELL AND HEXHAM AMONG BACKMARKERS IN HELPING PRIZE-MONEY TOTALS

Courses fall down on contributions

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE racecourses which make the smallest contribution to prize-money totals were revealed for the first time yesterday — with Southwell and Hexham being by far the meanest.

Of Britain's 59 racetracks, which last year produced £19 million from turnstile revenue and sponsorship towards total prize-money of £59 million, Southwell was the only one not to give a single penny — for the second year running. In fact, the Midlands course somehow managed to be a negative contributor in 1995 and 1996 — to the tune of more than £80,000.

The prize-money breakdown follows criticism that some tracks rely heavily on funding from the Levy Board and owners and do next to nothing to boost purses. The statistical research, published yesterday by the British Horseracing Board's race planning department, appears to justify such complaints.

Although the racecourses' overall contribution increased by 7.6 per cent last year and was exactly double the £9.5 million paid by owners through entry fees, 17 courses contributed less than owners. They were Brighton, Catterick, Folkestone, Fontwell, Hereford, Hexham, Leicester, Lingfield, Ludlow, Nottingham, Plumpton, Redcar, Southwell, Taunton, Towcester, Warwick and Worcester.

However, the most frugal courses by far were Folkestone, whose £30,954 contribution averaged out at £1,474 per meeting, Hereford (£1,135), Plumpton (£1,199), Hexham (£493) and Southwell, who failed to spend £33,997 of revenue it received from owners and the Levy Board and was therefore a negative contributor.

Richard Muddle, managing director of RAM racecourses, which owns Southwell and Wolverhampton, said yesterday: "We came out of it with a deficit because we didn't spend all the money we had. It was an error because we budgeted for a certain amount to come back from guaranteed sweepstakes and the amount was higher than we thought."

Muddle did not shy away from confirming that he sees little point in contributing to the prizes at Southwell, because of the special nature of the all-weather sport on offer. "It is all about the quality of racing we are trying to put on. The racing at Southwell is very competitive and fills a gap the bookmakers need. No-one has told us to put on higher quality of racing, because it is not needed."

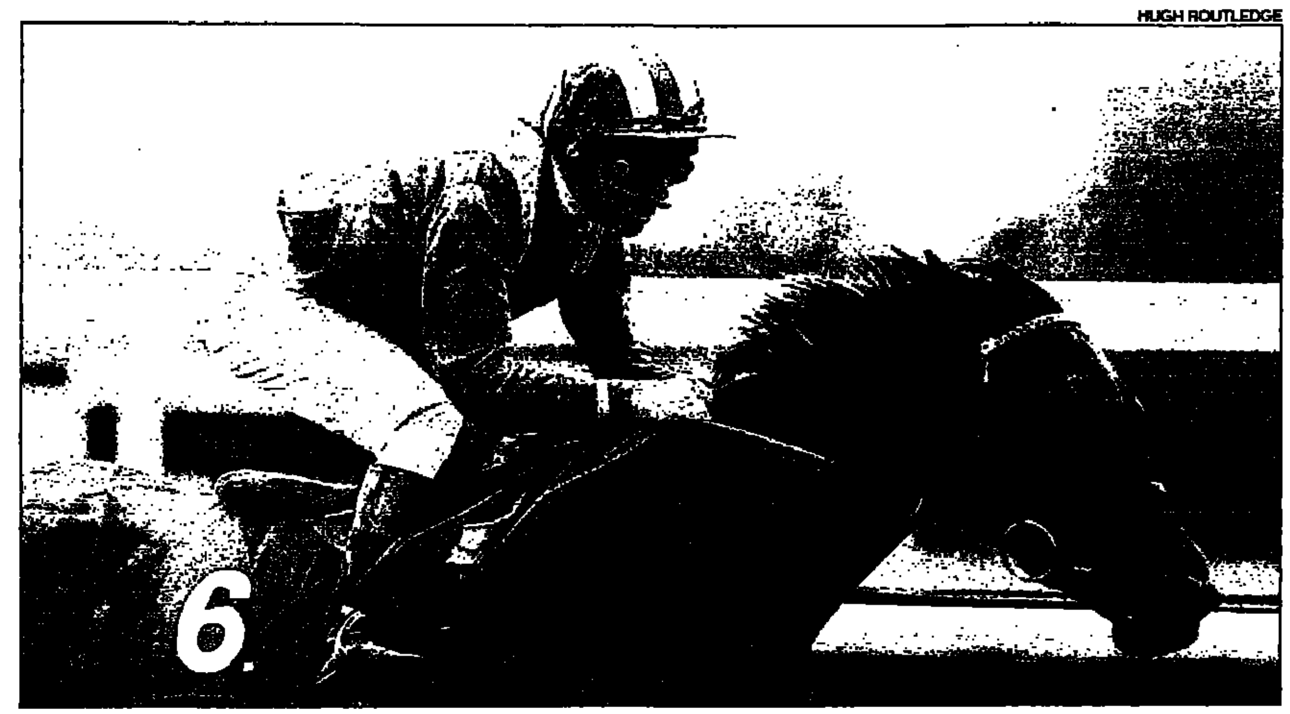
Muddle, who declined to disclose RAM's annual profits, added: "We are putting on a product which the industry requires. The mechanism for funding is a historic one which has never got to grips with all-weather racing. It is all about turnover receipts and the number of people who come to watch the product — and our product is geared to the off-course market."

Charles Enderby, managing director and clerk of the course at Hexham, had other reasons to explain his course's meagre contribution. "We are slowly rebuilding Hexham. We have redrained the course over the last ten years and have put in a watering system so we can water for the first time and stage summer jump racing. We are also building a new stand."

The Levy Board, which allocated almost £30 million in prize-money last year, is planning to introduce incentives which will favour courses who give a larger share of money.

Ascot, which chipped in with almost £3 million, was the largest contributor followed by Newmarket (£1.95 million), York (£1.4 million), Cheltenham (£1.3 million), Goodwood (£1.15 million), Sandown (£1.08 million) and Epsom (£1.04 million). Among the smaller courses, Cartmel, Fakenham, Kelso, Perth and Wincanton did particularly well last year.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Richard Hills has Hachiyah on a tight rein as she opens her account in fluent style at Lingfield yesterday

MARK RIMMER was detained in Warwick General Hospital overnight with suspected internal injuries after suffering a heavy fall at Warwick yesterday. His mount, Irish Fiction, was fatally injured after clipping the heels of another runner, Victory At Hart, in the seller.

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2.30 Kawafil. 3.00 Golden Ace. 3.30 Mr Sponge. 4.00 Rainwatch. 4.30 Dulcinea. 5.00 Bajan Rose.

Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 **SNOW KID** (nap). 4.00 Motet.

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2.30 EBF WEYHILL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,626: 5f) (11 runners)

1 (9) 50 ALLASELLA 16 B Palling 8-11 T Sprake 98
2 (11) CAPTIVATING R Hannon 8-11 Dane O'Neill –
3 (8) 5 DODO 14 D Elsworth 8-11 Pat Eddery 95
4 (2) FLORAL PARK G Balding 8-11 F Tynan (7) –
5 (10) 0 FRANCESCA'S FOLLY 26 J Hills 8-11 M Hills –
6 (5) FROLICKING J Dunlop 8-11 W Ryan –
7 (3) GAILY MILL I Balding 8-11 L Dettori –
8 (1) 4 KAWAFIL 14 P Walwyn 8-11 R Hills ⊞
9 (7) KENKAN P Cole 8-11 T Quinn –
10 (4) PERFECT HARMONY B Meehan 8-11 M Tebbutt –
11 (6) TO LOVE WITH LOVE W Jarvis 8-11 J Reid –

3-1 Kawafil, 7-2 Dodo, 5-1 Kenkan, 6-1 Gaily Mill, 7-1 Captivating, 8-1 Frolicking, 12-1 Perfect Harmony, 14-1 others.

3.00 MARTIN CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,826: 1m) (17)

1 (16) -640 GOLDEN ACE 32 (D,S) R Hannon 4-9-10 Dane O'Neill ⊞
2 (9) 0-06 RIVERS MAGIC 4 (S) J Bridger 4-9-7 A Daly (5) 92
3 (7) 033- YOUNG DUKE 278 (BF,F) Mrs S Williams 9-9-5 L Dettori 90
4 (17) -000 JAAZIM 28 (F,G) M Madgwick 7-9-2 A Eddery (7) 80
5 (15) 4006 WHOTHEHELLISHARRY 7 P Dalton 4-9-1 P McCabe (3) 86
6 (8) 43-0 CAPE PIGEON 37 (V,BF,D,F,G,S) L Cottrell 12-8-12 D Holland 87
7 (3) -500 GREEN GOLIGHTLY 144 (F) R Flower 6-8-12 F Norton 83
8 (4) 200- TARIAN 354 N Lampard 5-8-12 R Cody-Boutcher (7) 79
9 (1) BABA SADHU P Makin 3-8-9 S Sanders –
10 (13) 2300 SHANGHAI LIL 47 (D) M Fetherston-Godley 5-8-9 J Reid 85
11 (14) 00-0 FAIRLY SURE 51 (D,F) N Berry 4-8-7 D Denby (7) 72
12 (10) -024 MATOAKA 12 (BF) R Williams 3-8-7 J Quinn 91
13 (12) 0-00 PERSIAN DAWN 6 R Phillips 4-8-7 R Perham –
14 (6) 6-00 SCOTTISH PARK 11 (D,F,S) M Pipe 8-8-7 M Henry (3) 71
15 (5) 0003 EURO SUPERSTAR 11 S Dow 3-8-5 T Quinn 73
16 (2) 0 MOREDUN 12 I Balding 3-8-2 Martin Dwyer (3) –
17 (11) 0- PAMPASA 345 C James 3-8-0 C Rutter –

3-1 Young Duke, 4-1 Golden Ace, 5-1 Matoaka, 7-1 Cape Pigeon, 10-1 others.

3.30 MARGADALE CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,561: 7f) (7)

1 (2) 1 BYZANTIUM 32 (G) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 D Harrison ⊞
2 (7) 1 HAJR 13 (D,G) E Dunlop 9-0 D O'Donohoe (3) 96
3 (6) 31 MR SPONGE 14 (CD,F) I Balding 9-0 L Dettori 94
4 (5) 1 SNOW KID 18 (D) D Loder 9-0 Pat Eddery 94
5 (1) 1 PEPPIATT 64 (F) R Akehurst 8-10 T Quinn 88
6 (3) 5-0 CHILI BOUCHIER 15 D Marks 8-5 S Sanders –
7 (4) 55- HANAN 333 P Kelleway 8-5 D J Whyte 97

5-2 Mr Sponge, 3-1 Hajr, 7-2 Byzantium, 5-1 Snow Kid, 7-1 Peppiatt, 8-1 others.

4.00 GIBBS MEW BIBURY CUP HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,573: 1m 4f) (11)

1 (4) -251 RAINWATCH 13 (D,G) J Dunlop 9-7 Pat Eddery 95
2 (7) 01 BADGE OF FAME 14 (D,S) L Cumani 9-2 L Dettori 92
3 (11) -104 NORTHERN SUN 52 (F,G) T Mills 9-2 W Ryan 98
4 (10) 3-13 MOTET 14 (BF) G Wragg 9-0 M Hills 97
5 (9) -412 TOM TAILOR 21 (BF,S) D Elsworth 8-13 T Sprake 95
6 (6) 6120 HEART OF ARMOR 13 (D,S) P Cole 8-13 T Quinn 97
7 (3) 2414 PROTOCOL 13 (F) J Hills 8-7 R Hills ⊞
8 (1) 0204 HIGHLY PRIZED 13 I Balding 8-6 Martin Dwyer (3) 98
9 (5) -033 SPY KNOLL 38 M Stoute 8-6 J Reid 95
10 (2) 6-43 NORDIC CREST 22 P Harris 8-5 J Quinn 95
11 (8) -330 DEEP WATER 30 P Cole 8-3 David O'Neill (7) 98

9-4 Badge Of Fame, 5-1 Rainwatch, 6-1 Motet, 7-1 Protocol, 8-1 Northern Sun, Tom Tailor, 10-1 Spy Knoll, 12-1 others.

4.30 SHREWTON RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,721: 7f) (10 runners)

1 (8) 000 DURABLE GEORGE 11 J Bridger 9-0 A Daly (5) –
2 (10) 200 GIKO 14 J Poulton 9-0 S Drowne ⊞
3 (6) -353 MIKE'S DOUBLE 12 Gay Kelleway 9-0 J Quinn 72
4 (2) 5363 PRINCE ZANDO 12 C Horgan 9-0 Paul Eddery 83
5 (5) -062 SAND CAY 15 R Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neill 85
6 (7) 0-06 DULCINEA 25 I Balding 8-11 L Dettori 85
7 (1) 0-24 FREE AS A BIRD 11 M Channon 8-11 Pat Eddery 92
8 (9) 0-30 HOH DANCER 62 I Balding 8-11 Martin Dwyer (3) 81
9 (3) 0-00 PERCHANCE TO DREAM 14 B Millman 8-11 T Sprake 71
10 (4) -036 WELCOME HOME 7 P Dalton 8-11 S Sanders 98

2-1 Sand Cay, 3-1 Prince Zando, 5-1 Free As A Bird, 7-1 Mike's Double, 10-1 Welcome Home, 12-1 Giko, Hoh Dancer, 16-1 others.

5.00 ALDERHOLT SPRINT HANDICAP
(£3,743: 5f) (9 runners)

1 (2) 0-66 GOLDEN POUND 12 (F,G) Miss G Kelleway 5-9-12 Dane O'Neill 92
2 (5) 5201 WHITE EMIR 12 (B,D,F,G,S) B Meehan 4-9-9 Pat Eddery 93
3 (4) 5160 MISTER JOLSON 15 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 8-9-6 L Dettori 98
4 (6) 2510 LITERARY SOCIETY 18 (D,F,G) J Toller 4-9-6 S Sanders 97
5 (1) 0605 BAJAN ROSE 15 (B,C,D,F,G,S) M Blanshard 5-9-5 J Quinn ⊞
6 (9) 3600 ROBELLION 15 (V,D,F) D Arbuthnot 6-8-6 D Harrison 94
7 (3) 0-06 MACGILLYCUDDY 14 (B,D,G,S) Mrs P Dutfield 8-8-2 T Sprake 92
8 (7) 1404 HALF TONE 5 (B,D,F,S) R Flower 5-7-12 Martin Dwyer (3) 93
9 (8) 4506 POINTER 14 (C,F,S) Mrs P Dutfield 5-7-12 Aimee Cook (5) 92

5-2 White Emir, 7-2 Mister Jolson, 9-2 Golden Pound, 6-1 Literary Society, 7-1 Bajan Rose, 8-1 Robellion, 10-1 Macgillycuddy, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; L Cumani, 8 from 31, 25.8%; Lord Huntingdon, 13 from 56, 23.2%; G Wragg, 3 from 14, 21.4%; E Dunlop, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M Stoute, 5 from 34, 14.7%; Mrs N Dutfield, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 26 from 104, 25.0%; Pat Eddery, 23 from 117, 19.7%; W Ryan, 9 from 55, 16.4%; M Hills, 10 from 65, 15.4%; T Quinn, 22 from 148, 14.9%; M Henry, 5 from 34, 14.7%.

CHESTER

THUNDERER

6.50 **BREAK THE RULES** (nap). 7.20 Kathryn's Pet. 7.50 Selhurstpark Flyer. 8.20 Sandside. 8.50 High Intrigue. 9.20 Baritone.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.50 YELLOW LABEL CLAIMING STAKES (£3,493: 1m 2f) (6 runners)
SKY

1 -114 BREAK THE RULES 11 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-9-12 K Darley 2
2 0520 WHITTLE ROCK 18 (C,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-7 A Culhane 3
3 /00- THENORTHERNPLAYBOY 438 (B) T Wall 4-9-2 D Griffiths (3) 6
4 -000 STEAL 'EM 9 (V,C,F) A Bailey 4-8-0 P Roberts (5) 5
5 4602 NICOLA'S PRINCESS 7 (G) B McMahon 4-8-13 M Wigham 4
6 0-3 TARAGONA 14 R Hollinshead 4-8-10 F Lynch 1

10-11 Break The Rules, 7-2 Whittle Rock, 9-2 Nicola's Princess, 7-1 Taragona, 8-1 Steal 'Em, 50-1 Thenorthernplayboy.

7.20 LA GRANDE DAME ROSE FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,474: 1m 4f) (6)
SKY

1 6122 ROUFONTAINE 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) W Muir 6-10-0 M Roberts 4
2 2000 RASAYEL 7 (CD,BF,F,G) P Evans 7-9-10 R Ffrench (5) 1
3 150 MANAZIL 11 (G) R Armstrong 3-9-4 R Price 6
4 11 DOMINANT DUCHESS 65 (F) J Hills 3-9-3 A Clark 5
5 4223 KATHRYN'S PET 26 (D,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-11 A Culhane 2
6 54-5 TOI TOI 97 D Arbuthnot 3-8-10 S Whitworth 3

9-4 Roufontaine, 7-2 Kathryn's Pet, 4-1 Rasayel, Dominant Duchess, 5-1 Manazil, 8-1 Toi Toi.

7.50 LE PRIX DE LA GRANDE DAME RATED HANDICAP (£9,656: 6f) (12)
SKY

1 43-0 MY MELODY PARKES 71 (F) J Berry 4-9-7 K Darley 8
2 2231 SELHURSTPARK FLYER 5 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 6-9-6 (3ex) P Roberts (5) 3
3 6-00 MADLY SHARP 12 (D,F,G) J Watts 6-9-4 G Duffield 12
4 -025 TADEO 22 (F,G,S) M Johnston 4-9-4 M Roberts 11
5 3-40 WEST HUMBLE 12 (F) Lady Herries 4-9-1 A Clark 4
6 6050 WESTCOURT MAGIC 12 (D,F,G) M W Easterby 4-8-13 M Wigham 7
7 0040 TAOISTE 25 (F,G) R Armstrong 4-8-8 R Price 9
8 0014 ZIGGY'S DANCER 16 (C,D,F,G) E Alston 6-8-8 R Lappin 2
9 1115 GADGE 21 (D,BF,F,G,S) A Bailey 6-8-7 D Wright 6
10 0000 CHARLIE SILLETT 35 (D,F,S) B Hills 5-8-7 J D Smith (3) 1
11 6200 SWINO 4 (F) P Evans 3-8-2 R Ffrench (5) 10
12 -065 BLUES QUEEN 23 (D,F) M Channon 3-8-0 P P Murphy (3) 5

4-1 Selhurstpark Flyer, 5-1 My Melody Parkes, 13-2 Gadge, 7-1 Madly Sharp, Ziggy's Dancer, 8-1 Tadeo, 10-1 West Humble, Charlie Sillett, 12-1 others.

8.20 WIDOW NOVICE STAKES
SKY
(2-Y-O: £3,454: 5f 16yd) (7)

1 4112 SANDSIDE 21 (D,F,S) J Berry 9-4 P Fessey (3) 2
2 51 PURE COINCIDENCE 12 (D,G) G Lewis 9-0 A Clark 6
3 04 DERNIER CROISE 9 B Meehan 8-12 M Tebbutt 3
4 3 JIMMY TOO 21 B McMahon 8-12 M Wigham 7
5 SUPER SNIP A Bailey 8-12 K Darley 1
6 1 PICCOLO CATIVO 48 (D,G) J H Wilson 8-9 Angela Hartley (7) 5
7 PHANTOM RING A Bailey 8-7 M Roberts 4

2-1 Sandside, 5-2 Dernier Croise, 3-1 Pure Coincidence, 7-1 Jimmy Too, 8-1 Piccolo Cativo, 20-1 Super Snip, Phantom Ring.

8.50 PONSARDIN MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,680: 1m 5f 89yd) (3)

1 0-00 ETERNAL HOST 6 R Hollinshead 9-0 D Griffiths (3) 1
2 6-4 HIGH INTRIGUE 14 H Cecil 9-0 A McGlone 3
3 2650 SPONDULICKS 29 B Baugh 9-0 G Hind 2

1-12 High Intrigue, 10-1 Spondulicks, 16-1 Eternal Host.

9.20 RICH RESERVE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,591: 7f 2yd) (10)

1 421 WOODBECK 25 (D,F) J Glover 9-7 N Day 10
2 030- NOMINATOR LAD 237 B McMahon 9-6 M Wigham 2
3 6400 I CAN'T REMEMBER 21 (CD,F,G,S) P Evans 9-4 R Ffrench (5) 4
4 1123 ROCK ISLAND LINE 5 (D,BF,G,S) J Berry 9-0 P Roberts (5) 9
5 2000 BARITONE 11 J Watts 9-0 P Fessey (3) 6
6 -106 JAMIE'S BOY 14 (G) Mrs J Cecil 8-13 G Duffield 3
7 0-62 DAVIS ROCK 11 (G) W Muir 8-10 M Roberts 5
8 -104 MUSCATANA 21 (D,G) B Hills 8-7 J D Smith (3) 7
9 0322 C-HARRY 12 (D,BF,G,S) R Hollinshead 8-3 F Lynch 1
10 -605 GABLESEA 8 B Baugh 8-3 G Hind 8

4-1 C-Harry, 5-1 Rock Island Line, 6-1 Woodbeck, Jamie's Boy, Davis Rock, 7-1 Baritone, Muscatana, 8-1 others.

EPSOM

THUNDERER

6.40 Calchas. 7.10 Victory Team. 7.40 Amid Albadu. 8.10 Glow Forum. 8.40 Dragonada. 9.10 Papita.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.10 Ancient Quest.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F, HIGH BEST SIS

6.40 E B F NOVICE STAKES
SKY
(2-Y-O: £3,111: 7f) (5 runners)

1 1 CALCHAS 7 (G) M Prescott 9-4 S Sanders 4
2 31 INDIAN MISSILE 12 (F) J Dunlop 9-4 R Hills 1
3 1 OVERTURE 12 (F) R Hannon 9-4 Dane O'Neill 2
4 060 BASIC STYLE 35 N Callaghan 8-12 R Hughes 5
5 5 WATHBAT LION 38 M Jarvis 8-12 W Ryan 3

Evens Overture, 6-4 Indian Missile, 7-1 Calchas, 10-1 Wathbat Lion, 25-1 Basic Style

7.10 EVENING STANDARD HANDICAP
SKY
(£3,501: 7f) (14)

1 0-05 HARD TO FIGURE 21 (CD,F,S) R Hodges 11-10-0 S Drowne 11
2 6624 STOPPES BROW 21 (V,D,F,S) G Moore 5-9-11 D O'Donohoe (3) 1
3 1400 VICTORY TEAM 9 (D,F,G) G Balding 5-9-9 R Hughes 3
4 00-0 KIND OF LIGHT 53 (D,F,G) R Guest 4-9-8 P Bloomfield 5
5 -060 HALOWING 41 (F) J G Smyth-Osbourne 3-9-2 S Sanders 10
6 -050 IMPULSIF 19 (D,G) D Ffrench Davis 3-8-13 W Ryan 2
7 4-06 FIONN DE COOL 22 (F) R Akehurst 6-8-12 T Quinn 8
8 0000 ZURS 12 (G) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-12 R Mullen (5) 14
9 0154 PURCHASING POWER 18 (D,S) N Callaghan 3-8-9 Pat Eddery 12
10 -000 SOVEREIGNS COURT 9 L Cottrell 4-8-9 D Holland 9
11 3013 TWIN CREEKS 9 (D,F,G) V Soane 6-8-9 C Rutter 6
12 4050 KINGCHIP BOY 7 (B,CD,F,G) M Ryan 8-8-7 G Carter 13
13 0254 NEWLANDS CORNER 11 (B,F) J Akehurst 4-8-5 Dane O'Neill 4
14 3020 ED'S FOLLY 21 S Dow 4-8-5 J Quinn 7

3-1 Purchasing Power, 11-2 Fionn De Cool, 7-1 Stoppes Brow, 10-1 others

7.40 GALA STAKES
SKY
(Listed: £11,159: 1m 2f 18yd) (4)

1 2-61 ARABIAN STORY 18 (C,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-4 L Dettori 1
2 -313 CAP JULUCA 18 (D,F) R Charlton 5-9-4 R Hughes 4
3 -222 CHARLOTTE CORDAY 19 (BF,G) G Wragg 4-8-13 M Hills 2
4 -124 AMID ALBADU 18 (F,S) J Dunlop 3-8-6 R Hills 3

2-1 Cap Juluca, 5-2 Amid Albadu, 11-4 Charlotte Corday, 3-1 Arabian Story.

8.10 U B S HANDICAP
SKY
(£3,518: 1m 4f 10yd) (10)

1 0451 ANCIENT QUEST 14 (D,S) N Callaghan 4-10-0 Paul Eddery 3
2 0-01 MR BROWNING 22 (B,D,F) R Akehurst 6-9-8 T Quinn 10
3 0443 AT LIBERTY 16 (B,D,F,G) R Hannon 5-9-6 Dane O'Neill 8
4 0002 STATAJACK 16 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) D Elsworth 9-9-5 Pat Eddery 1
5 -136 ALARICO 11 (G) I Williams 4-9-3 L Dettori 2
6 0263 OBERONS BOY 9 (G) S Dow 4-8-13 W Ryan 5
7 2121 GLOW FORUM 32 (D,F,G,S) L M-Hall 6-8-7 D O'Donohoe (3) 7
8 0400 DOUBLE RUSH 11 (F,G) T Mills 5-8-1 J Quinn 6
9 -002 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 15 (F) P Hayward 8-8-0 M Henry (3) 4
10 4342 CHIEF PREDATOR 11 (B) R Hannon 3-7-10 G Bardwell 9

9-4 Mr Browning, 4-1 Glow Forum, 5-1 Ancient Quest, 6-1 Statajack, 7-1 others

8.40 FILLIES STAKES (£4,990: 1m 114yd) (3)

1 5-03 STAR PROFILE 23 (V,G) S bin Suroor 3-9-0 L Dettori 2
2 214- DRAGONADA 242 (BF,F) H Cecil 3-8-12 W Ryan 3
3 4-62 NATALIA BAY 23 (F) P Cole 3-8-8 T Quinn 1

4-5 Star Profile, 2-1 Dragonada, 9-2 Natalia Bay.

9.10 PRINCE'S STAND HANDICAP (£3,339: 6f) (9)

1 4106 SHARP PEARL 23 (B,F) P R Webber 4-10-0 R Hughes 1
2 00-0 ROCK SYMPHONY 9 (D,F,G) W Haggas 7-9-12 M Hills 2
3 2056 KILDEE LAD 11 (D,F,G) A P Jones 7-9-10 T Sprake 4
4 0110 IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 9 (B,D,F) K Ivory 4-9-7 M Dwyer (3) 8
5 -600 PAPITA 44 (D,F) S Dow 3-9-1 W Ryan 3
6 -203 MARENGO 9 J Akehurst 3-8-13 D Holland 7
7 0312 TEAR WHITE 9 (BF,F) T Mills 3-8-12 T Quinn 5
8 0020 THE FUGATIVE 14 P Mitchell 4-8-2 S Sanders 6
9 3642 JUSTINIANUS 5 (D,G,S) J Bridger 5-7-12 G Bardwell 9

5-2 Tear White, 4-1 Marengo, 6-1 Kildee Lad, 7-1 Justinianus, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Jarvis, 6 winners from 11 runners, 54.5%; H Cecil, 6 from 17, 35.3%; Lord Huntingdon, 7 from 22, 31.8%; Miss G Kelleway, 4 from 16, 25.0%; D Elsworth, 6 from 27, 22.2%.

JOCKEYS: G Carter, 5 winners from 22 rides, 22.7%; S Sanders, 9 from 47, 19.1%; Pat Eddery, 19 from 100, 19.0%; D Holland, 6 from 36, 16.7%; W Ryan, 4 from 24, 16.7%; L Dettori, 14 from 88, 15.9%.

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER

7.00 Kid Ory. 7.30 Frisky Lady. 8.00 Principal Boy. 8.30 Baby Jane. 9.00 Eponine. 9.30 Northern Maestro.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

7.00 APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,738: 5f) (11)

1 1002 MANOLO 7 (D,BF,F) J Berry 4-10-0 C Lowther (5) 7
2 1211 GORETSKI 12 (CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 4-9-11 P Fredericks (7) 9
3 0422 STOLEN KISS 6 (B,D,BF,F,S) M W Easterby 5-9-11 G Parkin (5) 10
4 3006 IMPISH 9 (CD,S) T Etherington 3-8-11 J Bramhill (3) 6
5 3024 KID ORY 9 (B,G) D Chapman 6-8-9 D Sweeney (3) 5
6 2605 SUNDAY MAIL TOO 14 (CD,F,S) Miss L Perratt 5-8-3 I Wands (5) 4
7 0504 ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 7 (CD,F,S) R McKellar 5-8-1 J McAuley (7) 3
8 6064 DIET 7 (V,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 11-7-12 Jenny Benson (7) 1
9 3000 RAGTIME COWGIRL 5 (F) D Nolan 4-7-10 N Pollard (7) 11
10 000- AYE READY 326 D Nolan 4-7-10 K Sked (5) 8
11 -066 MIDAS MAN 7 (B) D Nolan 6-7-10 P Bradley (7) 2

9-4 Goretski, 3-1 Manolo, 4-1 Stolen Kiss, 7-1 Sunday Mail Too, 8-1 others

7.30 MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,225: 6f) (5)

1 22 IRIS MAY 11 J Berry 8-8 T E Durcan (5) 5
2 3650 FLOWER O'CANNIE 9 M W Easterby 8-6 G Parkin (5) 2
3 66 FRISKY LADY 26 T Easterby 8-3 L Charnock 4
4 0 MARY LOU 9 M Channon 8-3 J Carroll 3
5 6645 MARSKE MACHINE 23 N Tinkler 8-2 Dale Gibson 1

4-6 Iris May, 5-1 Mary Lou, Frisky Lady, Flower O'Cannie, Marske Machine.

8.00 STRATHCLYDE HANDICAP (£5,446: 1m 1f) (4)

1 501- WESTERN GENERAL 19J (C,G) Ms Milligan 6-9-10 J Weaver 3
2 -434 SCARABEN 14 (C,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 9-9-9 J Fortune 2
3 -013 MENTALASANYTHIN 39 (C,D,F,G,S) D H-Jones 8-9-2 J Carroll 4
4 1221 PRINCIPAL BOY 7 (CD,G) T Etherington 4-8-1 (5ex) D Gibson 1

7-4 Principal Boy, 9-4 Mentalasanythin, 5-2 Scaraben, 9-2 Western General.

8.30 CAMERONIANS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,404: 1m 3f 16yd) (5)

1 6324 RARE TALENT 39 M Channon 9-7 J Carroll 5
2 -061 FANTAIL 30 (D,F) M Tompkins 9-7 D Biggs 1
3 1140 BABY JANE 13 (F,G) B Mactaggart 8-8 D McKeown 4
4 -106 BELLE BIJOU 14 (G) M Johnston 8-6 J Weaver 2
5 -040 NINTH SYMPHONY 14 (F) P Haslam 8-2 L Charnock 3

6-4 Fantail, 5-2 Belle Bijou, 7-2 Rare Talent, Baby Jane, 10-1 Ninth Symphony

9.00 HYNDFORD CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,371: 1m 4f 17yd) (7)

1 1026 GOLDEN THUNDERBOLT 6 (G) N Tinkler 4-9-13 DOUBTFUL 3
2 4231 ROYAL EXPRESSION 15 (C,F) Mrs Reveley 5-9-8 J Fortune 4
3 S104 SUN MARK 21 (CD,S) Mrs A Swinbank 6-9-5 J Weaver 1
4 3-00 CRAIGARY 26 (B) Mrs A Swinbank 6-9-3 T E Durcan (5) 6
5 06-0 MONACO GOLD 7 (C,F) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-1 S Copp (5) 5
6 -300 SHE'S A WINNER 9 (B,C,S) P Monteith 4-8-10 J Bramhill (5) 2
7 4135 EPONINE 11 (G) M Channon 3-8-2 J Carroll 7

8-11 Royal Expression, 3-1 Eponine, 7-1 Sun Mark, Monaco Gold, 20-1 others

9.30 STONEHOUSE HANDICAP (£2,682: 1m) (11)

1 0-04 GENERAL MONTY 23 T Barron 5-10-0 Victoria Appleby (7) 2
2 -002 TRYING TIMES 14 J Berry 4-9-9 T E Durcan (5) 5
3 6400 WILLIAM WALLACE 14 (V) D Haydn Jones 3-9-9 J Carroll 3
4 00-0 KATIE KOMAITE 100 J H Wilson 4-8-12 J Fortune 4
5 0004 GROVEFAIR LAD 7 M Wane 3-8-6 J McAuley (7) 7
6 00-0 CHANSON D'AMOUR 4 Miss L Perratt 3-8-5 C Lowther (7) 11
7 0-60 KALOUSION 15 T Etherington 3-8-5 M Gallagher 8
8 0-05 GADROON 4 P Haslam 3-8-3 L Charnock 1
9 0665 SWEET NOTE 7 Miss L Perratt 3-8-0 N Kennedy 6
10 054 NORTHERN MAESTRO 12 Mrs M Reveley 3-7-12 Dale Gibson 9
11 0000 SILENT SYSTEM 5 (B) D Chapman 4-7-10 Iona Wands (5) 10

11-4 William Wallace, 4-1 Trying Times, 9-2 General Monty, 10-1 others.

☐ A total of 12 horses were left in Sunday's Irish Derby at yesterday's declaration stage. Silver Patriarch and The Fly represent Britain after plans to run Reams Of Verse were scrapped. Two Irish fillies, Strawberry Roan and Token Gesture, were supplemented.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

2.15 Eloquent
2.45 Marino Street
3.15 Euro Sceptic
3.45 Bulsara
4.15 Priory Gardens
4.45 Valiant Dash
5.15 Sherqy

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 MR CUBE.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

2.15 EBF CROWTHER HOMES MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,648: 6f) (10 runners)

101 (7) BAWSIAN (D Scott) J Eyre 9-0 O Pears (3) –
102 (2) 063 BURNT YATES 14 (I Bray) M W Easterby 9-0 T Lucas ⊞
103 (10) 6 CHEROKEE CHARLIE 7 (R Craggs) R Craggs 9-0 D McKeown –
104 (1) EMPIRE PARK (T Holdcroft) M Johnston 9-0 J Weaver –
105 (3) 2 PANAMA HOUSE 16 (P England) T Easterby 9-0 L Charnock 87
106 (9) TWO WILLIAMS (W L Caley) M W Easterby 9-0 Dale Gibson –
107 (5) WATCHMAN (T Tate) T Tate 9-0 N Connorton –
108 (4) DOUGS DREAM (D Marshall) Mrs A Swinbank 8-9 N Day –
109 (6) ELOQUENT (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 8-9 G Duffield –
110 (8) 0 ELSINORE 22 (J Abell) Mrs J Ramsden 8-9 J Fortune 80

BETTING: 11-4 Panama House, 3-1 Burnt Yates, 4-1 Eloquent, 5-1 Empire Park, Elsinore, 14-1 others.

1996: RED CAMELLIA 8-9 G Duffield (9-4) M Prescott 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BURNT YATES 5½l 3rd of 9 to Crazee Mental in maiden at Hamilton (6f, good). CHEROKEE CHARLIE 14½l 6th of 7 to Shawdon in auction novice at Ripon (5f, good). EMPIRE PARK (foaled Jan 31, cost 30,000gns) half-brother to several winners including River Tern, dual 6f winner and Another Mill, 5f/6f winner, dam placed over 1m 4f. PANAMA HOUSE 1¾l 2nd of 3 to Aberkeen in novice stakes at Pontefract (6f, good to firm). ELSINORE 14l 7th of 12 to Land Of Dreams in maiden at Pontefract (6f, good to firm).
No selection.

2.45 BBC RADIO CUMBRIA SELLING STAKES
(£2,399: 6f) (15 runners)

201 (6) 1316000 NEEDLE MATCH 47 (D) (C Bigley Partnership Ltd) J J O'Neill 4-9-10 J Carroll 78
202 (14) 1125004 *ULTRA BEET 21 (B,D,F) (Pet Express (W&R) Ltd) P Haslam 5-9-10 J Weaver 70*
203 (5) 0000-05 FORECAST 13 (D,F) (Forneleish Racing) K Morgan 4-9-5 Dale Gibson 61
204 (4) -000035 HERE COMES A STAR 6 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs J Goodridge) J Carr 9-9-5 A Culhane 68
205 (1) -006360 IMP EXPRESS 125 (F,G) (G Stevenson) G M Moore 4-9-5 N Carlisle 50
206 (11) 000-050 KING OF SHOW 14 (V,F) (R Allan) R Allan 6-9-5 R Ffrench (5) 66
207 (8) 0-0 SHARK 32 (M Hammer) K Morgan 4-9-5 O Pears (3) –
208 (13) 00/00-0 WILD PROSPECT 55 (CD,F,G) (G Dyson) A Bailey 9-9-5 L Charnock –
209 (9) 0000 LITTLE PAPOOSE 32 (Mrs J McMahon) B McMahon 4-9-0 L Newton 59
210 (2) 600-032 MARINO STREET 13 (G) (R Penton) P Evans 4-9-0 J Fortune 82
211 (10) 0-00260 FINE TIMES 8 (V) (Glasgow House Four) C Fairhurst 3-8-12 D McKeown 78
212 (3) 5030- MR FORTYWINKS 279 (Miss N Cassidy) J Eyre 3-8-12 F Lynch 75
213 (15) -454042 NERVOUS REX 13 (M Payton) W Muir 3-8-12 J Wilkinson (7) 76
214 (7) -000300 EXPRESS GIRL 7 (S) (P Alrey) D Moffatt 3-8-7 Darren Moffatt (3) ⊞
215 (12) 4522300 TERRY'S ROSE 9 (Mrs L Hunt) R Hollinshead 3-8-7 K Darley 89

BETTING: 7-2 Marino Street, 9-2 Nervous Rex, 6-1 Ultra Beet, Here Comes A Star, 8-1 Express Girl, 10-1 others.

1996: SENSE OF PRIORITY 7-9-10 Alex Greaves (4-1) D Nicholls 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

NEEDLE MATCH 8½l 8th of 15 to Leading Princess in limited stakes at Hamilton (5f, soft) with KING OF SHOW (1lb worse off) 1l 10th. ULTRA BEET 4l 4th of 9 to Standown in claimer at Warwick (6f, firm). HERE COMES A STAR 4¾l 5th of 14 to Blessingindisguise in handicap at Ripon (5f, good). MARINO STAR neck 2nd of 10 to Ramsey Hope in apprentice handicap here (5f, firm). FINE TIMES ¾l 2nd of 16 to Swift in handicap at Ripon (6f, good to firm). NERVOUS REX 2½l 2nd to Court Express in maiden over course and distance (firm).
Selection: NERVOUS REX

3.15 EDMUNDSON ELECTRICAL HANDICAP
(£3,534: 7f) (10 runners)

301 (3) 5016142 ALLINSON'S MATE 18 (B,CD,F,G,S) (D Courtier) T Barron 9-9-10 Kimberley Hart (5) 91
302 (10) 10/0-00 CRISSEM 15 (F) (Mrs C Johnson) R Hollinshead 4-9-4 F Lynch –
303 (4) 153211- FONZY 358 (F,G) (West Riding Partnership) Mrs S Smith 3-8-13 O Pears (3) 88
304 (9) 00-3051 WINTER SCOUT 13 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs S Russell) R Fahey 9-8-13 R Winston (7) 94
305 (5) 5023330 RYMER'S RASCAL 14 (S) (B Chambers) E Alston 5-8-13 A Culhane 98
306 (1) -032402 MR CUBE 8 (B,D,F,G) (R Miles) J Bradley 7-8-4 R Ffrench (5) ⊞
307 (6) 0400030 CEE-JAY-AY 14 (CD,F,G,S) (R Jones) J Berry 10-8-3 P Fessey (3) 97
308 (7) 0060543 EURO SCEPTIC 9 (D,F,G) (C Stevens) T Easterby 5-7-12 L Charnock 96
309 (8) 1100-00 WELCOME LU 23 (D,F,G) (M Hyman) J L Harris 4-7-10 Dale Gibson 86
310 (2) -000036 ORIEL LAD 14 (B,C,D,F,S) (Mrs C Cawley) Enrico Incisa 4-7-10 Kim Tinkler 93

Long handicap: Oriel Lad 7-8.

BETTING: 3-1 Winter Scout, 4-1 Allinson's Mate, 5-1 Mr Cube, 13-2 Rymer's Rascal, Euro Sceptic, 7-1 others

1996: IMPULSIVE AIR 4-9-2 J Fortune (11-1) E Weymes 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALLINSON'S MATE beat Octavia Hill 1l in 15-runner apprentice handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). FONZY beat Not A Lot 1¼l in 4-runner claimer at Musselburgh (5f, good). WINTER SCOUT beat Sense Of Priority 2l in 7-runner claimer here (6f, firm). MR CUBE 1¾l 2nd of 16 to Castel Rosselo in handicap at Thirsk (7f, good). CEE-JAY-AY 3½l 3rd of 13 to Lomis Gold in handicap at Warwick (1m, firm). EURO SCEPTIC 3½l 3rd of 7 to Best Of All in handicap at Musselburgh (1m, good).
Selection: ALLINSON'S MATE (nap)

3.45 CROWTHER HOMES CARLISLE BELL HANDICAP
(£7,490: 1m) (15 runners)

401 (12) U30-202 QUILLING 29 (BF,F) (A Watson) M Dods 5-9-13 C Teague (3) 93
402 (9) 500-302 LAY THE BLAME 7 (F,S) (J Gordon) M Hammond 4-9-10 A Culhane 97
403 (7) 3200-42 BOLLIN FRANK 18 (BF,D,F,S) (Sir Neil Westbrook) T Easterby 5-9-9 L Charnock ⊞
404 (5) 025-305 RAED 14 (D Young) Mrs A Swinbank 4-9-5 N Day 96
405 (14) 000-000 PRIDE OF PENDLE 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs L Muller) M Wane 8-9-5 J Carroll 93
406 (11) 052-064 RAINBOW RAIN 18 (M al-Maktoum) M Johnston 3-9-1 M Roberts 95
407 (2) 522-041 TOPATORI 14 (F) (M Bowring) M Tompkins 3-9-0 D Biggs 96
408 (4) 00-3010 KING ATHELSTAN 12J (D,F) (I Guise) B McMahon 9-8-11 S Righton (7) 98
409 (13) 50-5004 BULSARA 13 (F) (Twinacre Nurseries Ltd) C Fairhurst 5-8-8 P Fessey (3) 98
410 (6) 0506405 SPANISH VERDICT 13 (CD,F,S) (Cox & Allen) D Smith 10-8-6 C Lowther (7) 98
411 (8) 0-01004 THATCHED 9 (CD,F,G) (C Marwood) R Barr 7-8-6 D McKeown 95
412 (10) 040-431 MURPHY'S GOLD 21 (C,D,F,G) (D Read) R Fahey 6-8-4 R Winston (7) 93
413 (1) 0-00050 GILLING DANCER 16 (CD,F) (Ripon Ringers) P Calver 4-8-3 Darren Moffatt (3) 92
414 (3) 00-0331 BOWCLIFFE 18 (D,F,G) (P Davies) E Alston 6-8-3 G Duffield 98
415 (15) 50040-0 TALENTED TING 29 (D,F,G) (M Wickens) P Haslam 8-7-13 R Ffrench (5) 91

BETTING: 9-2 Bollin Frank, 6-1 Murphy's Gold, 7-1 Quilling, Lay The Blame, 8-1 Rainbow Rain, 10-1 Topatori, Bowcliffe, Murphy's Gold, 12-1 Bulsara, Spanish Verdict, 14-1 others

1996: HABETA 10-8-2 G Duffield (7-1) J Watts 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLLIN FRANK neck 2nd of 13 to Band On The Run in handicap at Haydock (1m, good to firm). RAINBOW RAIN 3l 4th of 11 to Shalstayholy in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good). TOPATORI beat Moon Fairy ¾l in 7-runner maiden at Yarmouth (7f, firm). KING ATHELSTAN beat Abtaal ¾l in 17-runner apprentice handicap at Warwick (1m, good). THATCHED beat QUILLING (3lb better off) 1¼l in 12-runner handicap over course and distance (good) with BULSARA (5lb better off) 3¾l 5th, GILLING DANCER (7lb better off) 7l 7th and SPANISH VERDICT (9lb better off) 4l 9th. BOWCLIFFE beat Pleasure Trick neck in 16-runner handicap at Pontefract (1m, good to firm) with GILLING DANCER (6lb better off) about 8½l 8th.
Selection: BOWCLIFFE

4.15 C G TRUCK HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,064: 6f) (8 runners)

501 (4) 030 FOREST SIGNAL 14 (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-7 D Merragh (7) 85
502 (2) 350-010 TAILWIND 30 (D,F) (R Harris) W Muir 9-7 M Roberts 98
503 (1) 505-001 COURT EXPRESS 13 (CD,F) (J Pain) T Etherington 9-5 A Culhane 94
504 (3) 2155-0 TAZIBARI 9 (S) (Cowga Partners) D Moffatt 9-5 Darren Moffatt (3) 85
505 (8) 62-106 ROYAL CASCADE 20 (D) (R Bedding) B McMahon 8-11 L Newton 91
506 (5) 0-00050 BOLD BRIEF 19 (F) (P & I Darling) D Smith 8-7 L Charnock 98
507 (6) 0005060 *LEGEND OF ARAGON 9 (S) (S Beard) J Glover 8-6 G Duffield 96*
508 (7) 000-441 PRIORY GARDENS 8 (D,G) (G Fry) J Bradley 8-3 (7ex) R Ffrench (5) ⊞

BETTING: 3-1 Priory Gardens, 4-1 Royal Cascade, Court Express, 6-1 Tailwind, Legend Of Aragon, 8-1 others

1996: FAIRY PRINCE 8-12 F Lynch (9-1) Mrs A King 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOREST SIGNAL 16l 3rd of 5 to Generous Libra in maiden at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm). TAILWIND beat Bongo short-head in 9-runner auction maiden at Redcar (6f, good to firm). COURT EXPRESS beat Nervous Rex 2½l in maiden over course and distance (firm). ROYAL CASCADE beat Hever Golf Charger ¾l in seller at Wolverhampton (6f, AW). BOLD BRIEF about 2l 5th of 16 to Swift in handicap at Ripon (6f, good to firm). PRIORY GARDENS beat Two On The Bridge 3l in 12-runner ladies handicap at Thirsk (6f, good).
Selection: COURT EXPRESS

4.45 KLOCKNER MOELLER MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,654: 2m 1f 52yd) (15 runners)

601 (13) 50-04 EUPHORIC ILLUSION 9 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 6-10-0 O Pears (3) 86
602 (15) 63-0602 OLD HUSH WING 119J (J Blakey) P Haslam 4-9-13 J Fortune 85
603 (11) -045044 WARRLIN 9 (Glasgow House Racing Syndicate) C Fairhurst 3-9-7 T Siddall (7) ⊞
604 (5) 000-0 PALACE RIVER 14 (G Pannington) D Moffatt 9-9-5 L Charnock –
605 (3) 00-636 ARISAIG 29 (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 3-9-1 Darren Moffatt (3) 91
606 (6) /0/0-00 HANCOCK 9 (N Hetherton) J Hetherton 5-8-12 R Ffrench (5) 91
607 (14) 0-05045 MOORBIRD 18 (D,F) (J Abell) J L Harris 3-8-12 P Fessey (3) 87
608 (4) 0000005 SHIP'S DANCER 15 (B) (E Incisa) E Incisa 4-8-10 Kim Tinkler 81
609 (2) /0060-0 BLACK ICE BOY 58 (B) (Mrs J Marshall) R Bastiman 6-8-10 D McKeown –
610 (10) 46-5602 BRUZ 4 (Mrs T Fogarty) L Lungo 6-8-9 Dale Gibson 98
611 (8) 060-660 PENNY PEPPERMINT 9 (Mrs R Barr) R Barr 5-8-8 J Carroll 86
612 (12) 334/0-0 MICK'S TYCOON 18 (G Dodsworth) T Watson 9-8-7 G Duffield –
613 (9) 600- CULLIN CAPER 25J (Manor Farm Stud (Rutland)) T Watson 5-8-7 T Williams –
614 (1) 0/5/0-0 VALIANT DASH 9 (J Goldie) J Goldie 11-8-5 J McAuley (7) –
615 (7) 04-00 OCEAN BREEZE 29 (Miss N Bridge) J Wainwright 3-8-2 J Bramhill (5) 88

BETTING: 7-2 Arisaig, 9-2 Bruz, 13-2 Ocean Breeze, 7-1 Old Hush Wing, 8-1 Euphoric Illusion, 10-1 others

1996: ROYAL VACATION 7-9-12 J Fortune (4-1) G Moore 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

EUPHORIC ILLUSION 4½l 4th of 14 to Tancred Mischief in handicap at Pontefract (2m 2f, good) with HANCOCK (9lb better off) 5l 7th. OLD HUSH WING 3l 2nd of 7 to Mathias Mystique in selling handicap at Lingfield (2m, AW). WARRLIN 6½l 4th of 12 to Forgie in apprentice handicap at Musselburgh (1m 6f, good) with VALIANT DASH (2lb better off) 8½l 7th and PENNY PEPPERMINT (1lb worse off) 1l 8th. ARISAIG about 6l 6th of 15 to Aurelian in maiden handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, good to firm) with OCEAN BREEZE (1lb better off) 2½l 8th. HANCOCK 8½l 8th of 26 to Chris's Lad in ladies handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) with MICK'S TYCOON 7½l 15th. BRUZ 4l 2nd of 16 to Westminster in handicap at Ayr (1m 3f, good).
Selection: EUPHORIC ILLUSION

5.15 CROWTHER HOMES BURGH BARONY RACES LIMITED STAKES
(Amateurs: £2,430: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

1 (4) 1161422 YET AGAIN 2 (BF,D,F) (A Griffin) Gay Kelleway 5-11-8 T McCarthy 80
2 (7) 0500301 HEIGHTH OF FAME 12 (D) (W Mackenzie, J Evans) J Hetherton 6-11-2 J Byrne (4) ⊞
3 (3) 1000/0- ABLE PLAYER 51J (D,F) (K Drewry) K Drewry 10-11-0 K Drewry (4) –
4 (6) 0000635 COIS NA FARRAIGE 14 (D,F) (T Finch) Miss L Perratt 4-11-0 R Hale 98
5 (1) 0024420 SHERQY 11 (F) (Miss N Thesiger) S Kettlewell 5-11-0 A Balding 97
6 (2) 6500-00 SO KEEN 21 (R Bailey) A Bailey 4-11-0 D Shaw (4) 67
7 (5) 0000 INTERACTION 29 (R Craggs) R Craggs 3-10-0 D McPhail (4) –

BETTING: 15-8 Yet Again, 5-2 Sherqy, 3-1 Heighth Of Fame, 8-1 Cois Na Farraige, So Keen, 14-1 others.

1996: KINGS CAY 5-11-2 J Culloty (10-11 fav) T Caldwell 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

YET AGAIN head 2nd of 9 to Kernof in handicap at Musselburgh (1m 4f, good to soft). HEIGHTH OF FAME beat Champagne Warrior 10l in 9-runner seller at Southwell (1m 3f, AW). COIS NA FARRAIGE about ¾l 3rd of 4 to Lord Advocate in handicap at Hamilton (1m 5f, good to firm). SHERQY 2½l 2nd of 7 to Lord Advocate in handicap at Hamilton (1m 5f, good) with COIS NA FARRAIGE (10lb worse off) 17½l 5th.
Selection: HEIGHTH OF FAME

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

☐ *The Tote Jackpot pool rose to £879,499.16 at Warwick yesterday. With 110 winning tickets, the dividend was £5,644.40. Rob Hartnett, spokesman for the Tote, said: "The total invested goes to show that it has tapped into a vein of excitement which can only be good for racing."*

Warwick

Going: good, good to soft in places

2.15 (7f) 1, Opposition Leader (D Holland, 4-1); 2, Signatory (8-1); 3, Hoh Justice (2-1 fav). 14 ran. NR: Mystoism. 3, 1¾l. B Hills. Tote £5.40; £1.40, £3.50, £1.20. DF £17.50. Trio £7.60. CSF: £33.28.

2.45 (5f) 1, Runs In The Family (D Harrison, 7-2 fav); 2, Baim Atholl (33-1); 3, Sunset Harbour (7-1). 14 ran. NR: Stock Hill Dancer. 2¾l, nk. G McCourt. Tote: £4.20; £1.60, £25.30, £1.90. DF: £181.80. Trio: £539.80. CSF: £126.28. Tricast: £556.69.

3.15 (1m 6f 194yd) 1, Dancing Cavalier (P Fredericks, 2-1 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Silently (12-1); 3, Golden Hadeer (6-1). 12 ran. NR: Pike Creek. Sh hd, 1¾l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £3.10, £3.50. DF: £31.70. Trio: £97.00. CSF: £27.33. Tricast: £157.36.

3.45 (1m 4f 115yd) 1, Schnozzle (T Sprake, 6-1); 2, Passing Strangers (10-1); 3, Lavender Della (12-1). Sam Rockett 5-2 fav. 13 ran. ¾l, 5l. K Bridgwater. Tote: £5.60; £1.60, £3.10, £5.10. DF: £37.00. Trio: £160.70. CSF: £86.42. Tricast: £656.63.

4.15 (1m 2f 169yd) 1, Guesstimation (L Dettori, 13-8 fav); 2, Bluebell Miss (9-1); 3, Runic Symbol (12-1). 13 ran. Hd, 3l. J Pearce. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £1.50, £3.20. DF: £5.00. Trio: £35.50. CSF: £5.86.

4.45 (1m) 1, Sharp Rebuff (S Sanders, 6-1); 2, Veni Vidi Vici (9-1); 3, Q Factor (15-2). Admirals Flame 4-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Maraud. 1¾l, 2½l. P Makin. Tote: £8.00; £2.90, £1.60, £3.20. DF: £33.30. Trio: £82.50. CSF: £54.74. Tricast: £396.08.

Jackpot: £5,644.40.
Placepot: £127.10. Quadpot: £39.50.

Lingfield Park

Going: good (turf course), standard (AW)

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, Hachiyah (R Hills, 15-8); 2, Imperial Scholar (11-8 fav); 3, Dawam Allail (11-2). 8 ran. 3½l, 2½l. D Morley. Tote £2.90: £1.30, £1.10, £1.20. DF £2.10. CSF: £4.21.

3.00 (6f) 1, Heavenly Falls (D O'Donohoe, 4-1); 2, Rosewood Lady (5-1); 3, Hamage (3-1). Up The Wall 9-4 fav. 8 ran. Sh hd, 1l. C Dwyer. Tote: £6.10; £1.40, £1.20, £2.30. DF: £15.50. CSF: £21.31.

3.30 (6f) 1, Silca Key Silca (P P Murphy, 11-2); 2, Bayford Thrust (100-30); 3, Shalstayholy (3-1 jt-fav). Icy Guest 3-1 jt-fav. 9 ran. 6l, 3l. M Channon. Tote: £7.30; £1.70, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £10.90. Trio £5.20. CSF: £20.93. Tricast: £58.55.

4.00 (1m) 1, Bentico (B Doyle, Evens fav); 2, Law Dancer (4-1); 3, Enchanting Eve (15-8). 4 ran. 8l, 6l. Mrs N Macauley. Tote: £1.90. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.71.

4.30 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Graceful Lass (Pat Eddery, 13-8 jt-fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Arriving (13-8 jt-fav); 3, Georgia Venture (11-1). 5 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l. D Loder. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.14.

5.00 (1m 2f) 1, Absolute Liberty (G Milligan, 6-1); 2, Rash Gift (15-2); 3, Kirov Protege (3-1). Peppers 5-2 fav. 7 ran. NR: Zahran. 1l, hd. S Woods. Tote: £8.50; £2.50, £2.70. DF: £11.90. CSF: £45.72. Tricast: £147.13.
Placepot: £78.90. Quadpot: £25.20.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SNOW KID
(3.30 Salisbury)
Next best: Calchas
(6.40 Epsom)

Monday's late details

Yarmouth

Going: good

6.25 (1m 3yd) 1, Alifandango (M Roberts, 12-1); 2, Bint Shihame (13-8 fav); 3, Cordate (3-1). 9 ran. Hd, 1¾l. A Stewart. Tote: £14.90; £2.40, £1.20, £2.20. DF: £17.90. Trio: £14.20. CSF: £29.79.

6.55 (6f 3yd) 1, Sea-Deer (R Cochrane, 4-5 fav); 2, Shamanic (10-1); 3, Paddy Lad (4-1). 4 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. C Dwyer. Tote: £1.90. DF: £5.10. CSF: £8.08.

7.25 (5f 43yd) 1, Catherines Song (D Holland, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Ivory's Joy (4-1); 3, Fast Franc (2-1 jt-fav). 6 ran. 2l, 3l. C Dwyer. Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £1.90. DF: £9.60. CSF £9.94.

7.55 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, American Whisper (C Lowther, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Missile Toe (7-1); 3, Polar Champ (8-1). Blockade 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. 3½l, hd. P Harris. Tote: £5.20; £1.60, £2.70, £2.60. DF £17.20. Trio £46.30. CSF: £28.83. Tricast: £175.45.

8.25 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, Sun Alert (T G McLaughlin, 4-1); 2, Seattle Art (1-4 fav); 3, Divinity (8-1). 3 ran. 2l, 3l. M Polglase. Tote: £5.60. DF: £1.30. CSF: £5.45.

8.55 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, Ginger Rogers (J Quinn, 9-2); 2, French Mist (14-1); 3, Tommy Tortoise (4-1). Fullopep 3-1 fav. 10 ran. ¾l, nk. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £5.70; £1.10, £4.30, £1.30. DF £46.00. Trio £48.60. CSF: £70.46. Tricast: £285.61.
Placepot: £446.20. Quadpot: £149.60.

Windsor

Going: soft, good to soft in places

6.40 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Seattle Swing (L Dettori, 100-30 jt-fav); 2, Top Jem (100-30 jt-fav); 3, Misty Rain (12-1). 9 ran. NR: My Beloved. 1¾l, 4l. J Gosden. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £1.90, £3.10. DF: £6.00. Trio £36.10. CSF: £13.23. Tricast: £106.05.

7.10 (5f 217yd) 1, Willow Dale (T Quinn, 6-1 jt-fav); 2, Never Think Twice (8-1); 3, Sizzling (14-1). Faith Alone 6-1 jt-fav. 14 ran. 5l, 2l. D Elsworth. Tote: £6.80; £2.10, £2.50, £5.70. DF: £25.80. Trio: £139.90. CSF: £47.52. Tricast: £594.49.

7.40 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Bint Baladee (L Dettori, 9-4); 2, Mandilak (5-4 fav); 3, Darcy (9-1). 5 ran. NR: Captain Horatius. 1l, ¾l. S bin Suroor. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.50. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.88.

8.10 (5f 217yd) 1, Ben Rinnes (A Daly, 50-1); 2, Merlin's Ring (20-1); 3, Da Boss (8-1). First Dance 7-1 fav. 28 ran. 2½l, ¾l. R Johnson Houghton. Tote: £97.40; £19.30, £8.10, £3.50. DF: £2,409.20. Trio: not won. CSF: £831.00.

8.40 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, Real Estate (G Duffield, 7-4 fav; Richard Evans's and Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Mardrew (6-1); 3, Herbshan Dancer (7-1). 11 ran. Hd, 2¾l. C Wall. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £1.90, £2.10. DF: £6.90. Trio: £18.90. CSF: £11.28. Tricast: £57.59.

9.10 (1m 67yd) 1, Saltetta (S Drowne, 3-1 fav); 2, Lewc (20-1); 3, Danzas (12-1). 15 ran. 2l, ¾l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £3.70; £1.30, £8.70, £4.70. DF: £118.40. Trio: £366.50. CSF: £98.29.
Placepot: £957.10. Quadpot: £108.30.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

CARLISLE: Trainers: M Prescott, 10 winners from 26 runners, 38.5%; M Tompkins, 7 from 25, 28%; Mrs J Ramsden, 14 from 55, 25.5%; R Fahey, 3 from 15, 20.0%; T Barron, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M Johnston, 12 from 67, 17.9%; P Evans, 6 from 38, 15.8%; M W Easterby, 5 from 34, 14.7%; J Berry, 15 from 107, 14.0%.

Jockeys: O Pears, 7 winners from 29 rides, 24.1%; K Darley, 20 from 114, 17.5%; G Duffield, 13 from 76, 17.1%; A Culhane, 6 from 37, 16.2%; J Weaver, 9 from 58, 15.5%; J Fortune, 12 from 94, 12.8%.

HAMILTON PARK: Trainers: M Tompkins, 11 winners from 36 runners, 30.6%; M W Easterby, 4 from 15, 26.7%; T Etherington, 4 from 17, 23.5%; D Haydn Jones, 10 from 46, 21.7%; S Kettlewell, 8 from 42, 19.0%.

Jockeys: J Fortune, 24 winners from 124 rides, 19.4%; K Sked, 6 from 32, 18.8%; S Copp, 3 from 16, 18.8%. Only qualifiers.

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Chester: 8.50 Steal 'Em, Thenorthernplayboy. Epsom: 8.40 Star Profile. Hamilton Park: 7.00 Midas Man. 9.00 She's A Winner. 9.30 William Wallace. Salisbury: 5.00 Bajan Rose.

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Vintage Bentley in overdrive

Free State Cheetahs	30
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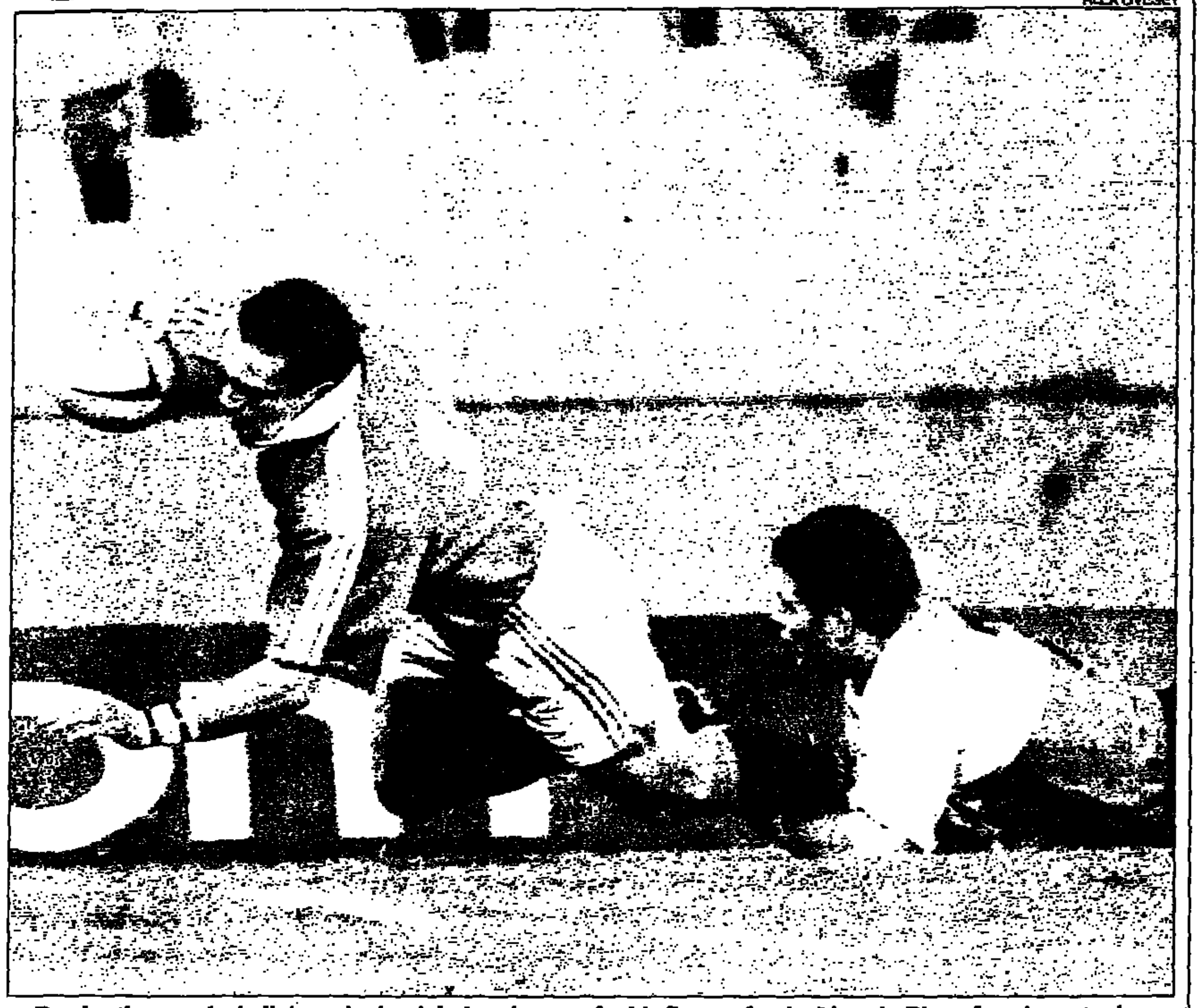
IN BLOEMFONTEIN


ALEX LIVESEY

Bentley thumps the ball down in the right-hand corner for his first try for the Lions in Bloemfontein yesterday

A BRILLIANT display of running rugby and another *tour de force* by John Bentley, who scored three tries, against the Free State here last night was offset by the potential loss to the British Isles of Will Greenwood. He was carried off after a heavy fall and taken to hospital for a scan and, with concussion diagnosed, will miss the remainder of this tour and the England game against Australia on July 12.

Greenwood had played his part in making this one of the most scintillating games of the tour, but the key to the match was the outstanding support play of the back-row forwards.

The determination of this Lions XV to concede nothing to the successful international side bore fruit as early as the ninth minute. Stimpson had taken less than three minutes to open his account with a penalty goal from 35 metres and was delighted to accept the first try of the evening.

With his second attempt, De Beer, the Free State stand-off half, had levelled matters, but his side found themselves descending a slippery slope in the face of brilliant Lions support play. The try should have been a more straightforward affair — had Bentley not chosen to go himself — but Free State were penalised and Catt cross-kicked directly to Stimpson, who was unmarked wide on the left wing.

Stimpson's excellent conversion soared between the posts, and his next, from the right, proved even better. With only 15 minutes played, the Lions broke from their own half, Miller and Back to the fore, and a wave of red shirts swept up in support. Healey looked to his left, then swivelled with a long pass to Bentley on the right, and he swerved past Muller and Erasmus to score.

Though the set-pieces were not as productive as the Lions would have wished their loose play was of a different order and Bentley was once more the beneficiary. De Beer interrrupted their progress with his second penalty goal, but any Free State attacks foundered on a rock-like defence in midfield.

Stimpson, fielding a loose kick in the middle of the field, found his back row ranged alongside and Catt, looking to run on every opportunity, sent Bentley inside and outside a baffled defence.

The advantage might have been even greater had Greenwood not been ankle-tapped by Brink ten metres short, but the procession was halted when Free State worked Brink into the corner.

Yet Greenwood prompted a magnificient response. From the restart, he crashed clean through the defence to send Bateman over, but, on the stroke of half-time, Greenwood, halfway through a gap, fell awkwardly and hit his head on the ground.

The Lions were sufficiently disconcerted to give Free State the chance to get back into the game, though they required the assistance of the match officials to do so. Brink knocking on but "scoring" in the corner. De Beer's conversion — and subsequent penalty goal — rubbed salt into the wound.

It was a sensible decision by Redman to give his side breathing space and call up Stimpson to kick a penalty goal from 37 metres. Even better, Bentley's third try, after a rampaging charge by Shaw, extended the gap.

For the third time on tour, the Lions passed the half-century with two tries in the final ten minutes. Twice Miller delivered the scoring pass, first sending Jenkins to the line, then Underwood.

South Africa will be without three of the backs who played in the 25-16 defeat by the Lions in Cape Town for the match in Durban: Japie Mulder, James Small and Edrich Lubbe.

SCORERS: Free State Cheetahs: Tries: Brink (2), De Beer **Conversion:** De Beer (3) **Penalty goals:** De Beer (3) **British Isles XV: Tries:** Bentley (3), Stimpson, Bateman, Jenkins, Underwood. **Conversions:** Stimpson (4) **Penalty goals:** Stimpson (3)

FREE STATE CHEETAHS: M Smith, J-H van Wyk, H Muller (captain), B Venter, S Brink, J de Beer, S Fourie, D Groenewald, C Marais, W Meyer, C van Rensburg, R Opperman, B Els, J Erasmus, J Coetzee. Fourie replaced by H Jacobs (40min). Meyer replaced by D Heymans (60)

BRITISH ISLES XV: T **Stimpson** (Newcastle and England); **J Bentley** (Newcastle and England), **A Bateman** (Richmond and Wales), **W Greenwood** (Leicester), **T Underwood** (Newcastle and England), **M Catt** (Bath and England); **A Healey** (Leicester and England), **G Rowntree** (Leicester and England), **B Williams** (Richmond and Wales), **D Young** (Cardiff and Wales), **R Wainwright** (Watsonians/Army and Scotland), **N Redman** (Bath and England captain), **S Shaw** (Wasps and England), **N Back** (Leicester and England), **E Miller** (Leicester and Ireland). Greenwood replaced by **N Jenkins** (Pontypridd and Wales, 40min); Young replaced by **J Leonard** (Harlequins and England, 71)

Referee: J Kaplan (Natal)

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ATHLETICS: FALLEN CIRCUS PRINCE CLAMBERS BACK ON TRAPEZE

Johnson returns in leading role

Johnson: no regrets

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN PARIS

IF Wilson Kipketer is right, the paymasters of the International Amateur Athletic Federation grand prix meeting here tonight must be wrong.

Kipketer, the Kenyan who holds the world 800 metres championship for Denmark, proferred the opinion yesterday that Michael Johnson's one-to-one challenge with Donovan Bailey in Toronto three weeks ago had "killed his image". Yet Johnson returns to racing this evening on a higher appearance fee than Bailey, the winner in Toronto.

"He thinks he is a big star, which he is not," one senior meeting official said of Bailey, of Canada, the world and Olympic 100 metres champion. "Not like Michael."

Johnson, the world and Olympic 400 metres champion, is still much in demand as the circus prince, though it is more as a fallen trapeze artist seeking to regain the public's lost admiration that he appears here.

"I feel sorry for him," Kipketer said, recognising that events in Toronto had damaged Johnson's reputation. Bailey's allegation that Johnson had faked injury during that 150 metres merely fuelled speculation that Johnson was a bad loser.

Johnson was furious and the tension has not eased. When Bailey, who runs the 100 metres here, entered a piano bar yesterday and learnt that Johnson was scheduled to give a press conference there, he left. Furthermore, Bailey was not worth a press conference, the promoter decided.

Asked whether he and Bailey had patched up their relationship since Toronto, Johnson said: "There is no relationship."

From here, the two move on to Sheffield, for the British grand prix on Sunday, and a request for a joint press conference on *The Big Breakfast* has been flatly refused by Johnson's camp.

A quadricep strain was the reason given for Johnson pulling up in Toronto. He took two weeks off and resumed training last week. "Training has gone well, so I am confident," he said.

Johnson's request for a 400 metres rather than a 200 metres here, because the shorter race "puts more pressure on my legs", presented some difficulty in assembling a field at two weeks' notice. However, the inclusion of three of the first four from the United States championships, held while Johnson was recovering from the race in Toronto, adds poignancy, given that these are athletes who will be competing in the world championships in Athens, while Johnson may not be.

That depends on political manoeuvrings and Johnson said that he had heard nothing from either the international federation or his national governing body. He would not say whether he might accept a wild card. He was just "focusing on tomorrow".

Johnson insisted that he had no regrets over Toronto. "Whether it is a good experience, like the Olympics, or a bad experience, I never look back; I always look forward," he said.

Looking forward, then. What was his priority this season — a 400 metres world record? Was that his goal? "I do not have to have some big goal," he said. "My goal is to go out and win my races. Sorry if that is not good enough for you."

He laughed as he said it. Yes, he remembers how.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45

HATHAYOGA

(c) A system of exercises and control of breathing forming part of the Hindu religious philosophy of yoga. From the Sanskrit *hatha* **force, violence, forced meditation +** *yoga*.

LEBES

(a) A deep, round-bottomed bowl, usually set on a stand, for holding wine. Often used as a wedding-present. From Greek antiquity.

MUMBUDGET

(c) To come clandestinely or secretly. Thomas Hardy, *Under the Greenwood Tree*, **1872: "There was this to be said for him, that you were quite sure he'd never come mumbudgeting to see ye, just as you were in the middle of your work, and put you out with his anxious trouble about you."**

HABANERA

(c) A Havanan dance, toponym from *Havana*, **the capital of Cuba. A slow Cuban dance in 2/4 time. "In Bizet's** *Carmen*, **Act I, 'Love the Vagrant', the celebrated Habanera, with English words."**

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Britons warm to frozen asset

BRITAIN'S leading winter sportsmen and women were warmed yesterday by the announcement of a plan to build a £100 million specialist practice centre on a site in Shoreham, Sussex. A disused quarry, widely derided as one of the biggest eyesores in England, will be transformed under the proposals put forward by Alfred McAlpine, the building company, and a new firm, Ski 2000.

"We have the technology to supply fresh snow and ice every day. It is not breaking new ground because the concept is already in use," David Pritchard, one of the project managers, said. "In Tokyo, they have the biggest resort in the world, so we are just intent on adapting their technology to fit to the south of England. This is a fantastic idea."

Aspiring skiers and skaters in Britain have long cherished the idea of a custom-built training facility in the hope of improving a record at the Winter Olympic Games that, apart from the exploits of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean in ice dancing, has rarely stirred the sporting nation in recent times.

Last September, Richard Cobbing, a world champion freestyle skier, was forced to retire because of a lack of funding. He sees the Shoreham project as providing much-need impetus for international competitors.

Richard Berry, a former manager of Britain's Olympic skiing team, said: "This is so badly needed if we are to be competitive in world terms. It will mean that there will be easy access for our up-and-coming athletes.

"People like Martin and Graham Bell have done really well, but they didn't have the basic facilities when they were still learning the trade and that is the reason why they haven't won major medals."

TELEVISION CHOICE

No challenge for Delia

Carol Vorderman (BBC1, 7.30pm)

Hot Gadgets
BBC1, 7.30pm

Carol Vorderman is perfect casting to host a relentlessly jolly series about some of the dottier manifestations of applied technology. More like a game show than *Tomorrow's World*, it features four gadgets per week and invites a panel of lay experts to try them and give their verdict. The studio audience also has a vote. First up is a motorised scooter powered by a lawnmower engine which folds up so that you can carry it home. The point of the machine is far from clear but it provides much aimless fun. The same cannot be said of the computerised kitchen cookbook, which would appear to have no chance of knocking Delia Smith off the bestseller lists. And so the programme goes inconsequentially on, pausing only so that we can meet a celebrity gadget collector. Tonight he is Paul Daniels, still here despite his threat to leave the country if Labour came to power.

United Kingdom! Quarry Queen
BBC2, 9.00pm

The latest snapshot of life in Britain today comes from the Peak District and concerns a classic confrontation between locals and incomers. The focus is on Doreen, proudly showing off her new giant excavator to her less-than-enthusiastic mother. The digger is designed to raise the dust in more senses than one. Doreen needs it to expand her quarrying business. The men she employs and the farmers who pass the time of day with her are on her side and not afraid to say so in robust terms. But those who have come to the Peak District from elsewhere and are fiercely protective of their newly found rural paradise take the opposite view. Conservationists join the argument as they try to stop further mineral exploitation in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Backup: Not Cricket
BBC1, 9.30pm

Public dilemmas and private scandals continue to divide the time of the Charlie Serial team of backup cops. This week's writer, Robin Mukherjee, draws his main plot from the sensitive area of child labour. As the putative problem is an Asian sweatshop, the script has to tread carefully for it must not imply that Asians generally are in the business of exploiting the young. Nor does it, though there is no soft-pedalling on the exploitation itself. But humour makes a welcome intrusion as the police agree to a cricket match between themselves and men picketing the factory. Meanwhile, the show maintains its reputation for finding sleaze in unexpected places, many of them uncomfortably close to police HQ. DI Overton is the latest officer to come into the frame as the poker-faced WPC Copson (Katrina Levon) smells corruption.

Gaytime TV
BBC2, 11.15pm

The lesbian and gay show returns for a third series, no doubt reviving the debate over whether the gay community is better served by having a television niche to itself or being given a higher profile in general programming. The comedian Rhona Cameron is joined by a new presenter, Richard Fairbrass of Right Said Fred, and their studio guest tonight is the actor and writer Antony Sher. The first show looks at the "outing" of the American soap star Ellen DeGeneres, a bit of an old story by now, and Britain's first lesbian beauty contest. The *Wish You Were Queer* travel spot returns, despite its terrible title, and a new feature will be a rummage in the BBC archives. Since coverage of gay matters on television has not always been as enlightened as it might have been, there should be rich pickings... **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Last Boat Home
Radio 4, 7.45pm

Although we are a few days from the final curtain in Hong Kong, when the Union Flag will be lowered and Chris Patten will sail away aboard *Britannia*, there is a case for saying that a voyage from Hong Kong to Britain in March had more significance. Julian Pettifer was aboard the *Oriana* when she left Hong Kong on March 6 carrying judges, senior police officers and civil servants who had decided that their future lay elsewhere. Pettifer interviews them as the journey unfolds and although their memories are interesting, the overwhelming impression is of a fantastic wealth of experience. One wonders two things: can the Chinese do without such people in Hong Kong? And can all this experience find a proper outlet elsewhere?

The Sexton's Tales
Radio 2, 10.00pm

This is the last in the series but hopefully there will be more soon. Tonight George Cole, as the sexton of Highgate Cemetery, tells the story of Radclyffe Hall, whose novel *The Well of Loneliness* caused, in 1928, a furore which at least matched any other literary rumpus this century. The book was declared an obscene libel and banned for 21 years and of course, when finally published, it was a far greater success than it would have been without the ban. But the story of Hall herself was at least as shocking at the time as anything in the book. As soon as she reached adulthood, Hall took up masculine pursuits and wore men's clothes, though her lesbianism did not keep her out of high society. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe and Boy Lard **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Global Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Claire Sturgess **4.00** Dave Pearce

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Chris Serle **7.00** Nick Barraclough **8.00** Folk on Two **9.00** Tracey MacLeod **9.30** Speaking Volumes **10.00** The Sexton's Tales. See Choice **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00pm** Midday includes Moneycheck with Philippa Lamb **1.30** Wimbledon 97 Coverage of day three of the All England Championships. Includes the National Lottery draw **8.00** The World of . Rugby with Will Carling and guests Malcolm Macdonald and Irving Natrass **9.00** Extra Time with Mark Steele **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **9.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe **7.15** World Today **7.30** Sport **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Meridian Live **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Schubert and Friends **10.05** Business **10.15** Farming **10.30** Science **10.45** Sport **11.30** One Planet **12.30pm** Sport **1.00** News in German **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain **1.30** Science **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Wimbledon **4.05** Sport **4.15** Performance **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain **6.15** World Today **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** The Works **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** On Screen **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain **2.30** Omnibus **3.30** Meridian Books **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Mozart (Horn Concerto No 4 in E flat major, K495), Elgar (Cello Concerto, in E minor, Op 85) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Classic Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Diabelli (Guitar Sonata in F major, Op 29 No 1) **8.00** Classic Evening Concert. Salieri (Concerto for Fortepiano in B flat major); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 3 in G), Schubert (String Quintet in C major, D 956) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono Thailand **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Beethoven (Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage), Brahms (Neues Liebeslieder Waltzes)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes Britten (Soirees Musicales); Carver (Motet, O Bone Jesu), Dvořák (String Quintet in G, Op 77)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Lumbye (Copenhagen Steam Railway), Gade (Elverskud, Part 2); Sibelius (Three Songs from Op 1); Reger (Variations on a Theme by Hiller)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Paris 1750
1.00pm News; Voices at the Wigmore Hall. Sally Burgess, mezzo, and Iain Burnside, piano
2.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Includes Bach (Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV565); Walton (Sinfonia Concertante)
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Llandaff Cathedral
5.00 Music Machine, with Verity Sharp
5.15 In Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas. Includes Dubois (Toccata), Telemann (Viola Concerto in G)
6.00 Rush Hour Concert. Florilegium: Ashley Solomon, flute, Rachel Podger, violin, Daniel Yeadon, cello/viola da gamba, Neal Peres Da Costa, harpsichord. Includes Anon, attrib Handel (Concerto a 4 in D minor), Rameau (Pièces de Clavecin en Concert, Cinquième Concert)
7.00 Samson. The oratorio written by Handel and adapted by Newburgh Hamilton. With Thomas Randall, tenor, Lynda Russell, soprano, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo, the Symphony of Harmony and Invention under Harry Christophers
9.50 Give a Dog a Bad Name (2/4)
10.00 Ensemble, with Penny Gore. Viv McLean, piano. Includes Beethoven (Piano Sonata in C minor, Op 13, Pathetique). Chopin (Polonaise-Fantasy in A flat, Op 61), Ravel (Sonatine)
10.45 Night Waves. Patrick Wright looks at a new collection of essays by Eric Hobsbawm. Plus first-night news of a new production of Jean Genet's classic *The Maids* at the Donmar Warehouse
11.30 Composer of the Week: Paul Patterson (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Campbell Burnap introduces more highlights from the 1997 EBU Jazz Festival
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Vice or Virtue (6/6)
10.00 News; A Good Read. In the last of the series, the West Yorkshire Playhouse director Jude Kelly and the artistic director of Tara Arts, Jatinder Verma discuss their favourite paperbacks
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm North East of Eden. The second of the six-part drama series by Peter Kerry **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Patricia's Policy, by Tony Mulholland. With Lucy Tregear and Hilary Maclean (2/4)
2.45 Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope, Paul Gambaccini reviews *The Devil's Own*, a controversial film about the IRA with Harrison Ford and Brad Pitt
4.45 Short Story: Planet Love, by Patricia Alderman
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of Britain (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts, with John Waite
7.45 Last Boat Home. See Choice
8.30 Your Place or Mine? A collaboration with ABC Australia looks behind the façade of Adelaide's genteel provincialism (7/8)
9.00 Catalyst. Quentin Cooper goes in search of the origin of life 3,800 million years ago (2/6)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Monkey King, by Timothy Mo. Read by David Yip (3/10)
11.00 Twenty Players. The fourth of six programmes featuring another fictional sporting hero
11.15 The Mahaffys. Part four of Karl MacDermott's six-part comedy set in smalltown Ireland
11.30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (FM). A comedy series by Bill Dare (3/5)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Il Postino, by Antonio Skarmeta (3/5) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Difficult subjects in the great class debate

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Let us start with a few key words, just so that we all know what we are talking about. Lounge ... serviette ... toilet ... fish knives ... caravan ... *doily* ... I could go on and so, no doubt, could you. But can we really be bothered? By now we all know the subject is class and we know that because such words (together with their supposedly posher alternatives) have been used to define class for decades. Which seems to me to be a very good argument for not using them ever again, a view shared by the makers of **United Kingdom!** (BBC2) but not, alas, by many others last night.

So let us begin, then, with the film that refreshingly decided that class was not an issue and decided to concentrate on the person. That person was Colin Edwards, who shares a terraced house in Macclesfield with an awful lot of photo albums. In them are about 5,000 pictures of the Royal Family, taken at the umpteen royal walkabouts he attends a year. Edwards is a royal regular — wherever there is bunting, plastic Union Jack flags and misty-eyed old ladies, you will find him. If it has been a particularly good meeting, he will probably be wiping away a tear, too.

"One of my best ever meetings that was," he said after he met Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother for the fourth time in a week, gave her a book about roses and read her a poem he had composed specially. "I'm getting all emotional." Quite what the Queen Mother was getting was less apparent, but thirsty seemed possible. As the poem began its second verse, she adopted a look I have seen a hundred times before (head cocked to one side, faint smile) but will never see in quite the same way again. There, we will be able to say the next time, she must be getting another poem.

The current vogue among filmmakers is to invite us to laugh at someone like Edwards in a nasty little outburst of mass superiority. But except for one or two minor slips, such a cheap trick had no place here. Edwards was aware that others might think him eccentric and dealt with it. "I'm no more eccentric than a football fan cheering on their favourite football team. Each to their own."

That left us plenty of time to enjoy four beautifully observed exchanges between Edwards and members of the Royal Family, conversations that both confirmed what we already knew, but personalised them in a way that television has largely failed to before. For, however well-intentioned he may be, meeting the loquacious Edwards must be a trial. Yet it was one they met with infinite good grace.

The Queen Mother was kind and patient; the Queen was funny (then again Edwards did greet her with the words "Here's a picture of our beloved Queen Mother ... with a sheep"), the Prince of Wales was well intentioned but hopeless and Diana, Princess of Wales, a poppet. "What's that?" she shrieked as she encountered Colin for the 58th time. "A rather crumpled flower arrangement," he explained with engaging frankness. "It's been under your armpit — oh, great." In a way, Colin Luke, the director, had quietly said more about class than Jilly Hafenrichter, his counterpart on ITV, has said, very noisily, in three hours of **Class**. But that does not worry her and nor, apparently, does the fact that what her talking heads do say has all been said at least a thousand times before. Lounge ... serviette ... toilet ... fish knives ... round we went again. That has been the real disappointment of this series, the almost cynical lack of anything new to say. "Anyone got any bright ideas? Nope? Oh well, we'd better give 'em the old stuff again. Edit it beautifully and perhaps nobody will *notice*."

And perhaps nobody has. One of the side-effects of the chosen format — a rapid succession of famous faces each saying the first outrageous thing that comes into their head — is that exhaustion quickly sets in. You long for one person to string together a single, original thesis, but when it does not happen you fall back on admiring the carefully posed scenery. And, after three programmes, even that is becoming familiar. There is Tamara still in her nightie, A.A. still having a bad tie-knot day and Melvyn Bragg still sitting in an empty Cumbrian pub. Will Self has now been leaning at a rakish angle for so long that I suspect trendy camera-work cannot be wholly responsible.

Hafenrichter had no qualms about embracing the fashion for mockery and neither the caravan-proud couple nor the defiant bidet-user have much cause to thank her. That said, however, one of the strange things about television is that they probably will.

You knew the end must be coming when we stumbled across one or two original ideas (the curious class alliance among Newbury bypass protesters, the middle-class plague of redundancy) and Brian Sewell finally said something sensible. On that strangled note, it was time to move on.

But not far. John Shuttleworth mocked similar subjects in **500 Bus Stops** (BBC2), but that's all right because he — or rather the actor Graham Fellows — is a comedian. What would make it really all right, though, is if he was funny and so far it is a close call.

Fellows is suffering horribly from transferring a successful radio format to television. On radio the Shuttleworth world of Sixties semis, Velcro and electronic keyboards works delightfully, especially when delivered by the wheezing man himself. On television, however, I don't know. First impressions were that the jokes became laboured and snobbish. But perhaps I am just being a bit middle-class about it.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (93545)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98903)
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9.20 Cheggers' Challenge (3243380)
9.45 Kilroy (T) (9704767)
10.30 Ready, Steady, Cook Culinary challenge show in which two top chefs race against time to create a meal using mystery ingredients. Hosted by Fern Britton (33903)
11.00 News (T) and weather (2865729)
11.05 Real Rooms The experts transform an old-fashioned kitchen (7772729)
11.30 The Great Escape Tourists reveal the truth about Benidorm (5800)
12.00 News (T) and weather (1325854)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (5534458)
12.35 Neighbours (4398274)
1.00 News (T) and weather (91090)
1.30 Regional News (15452545)
1.40 Wimbledon 97 Desmond Lynam and Sue Barker present action from the third afternoon (99709458)
4.10 Plasmo (6905361) **4.15** The New Yogi Bear Show (6904632) **4.20** Morph TV (5178274) **4.35** Prince of Atlantis (6683854) **5.00** Newsround (T) (8305767) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (7055670)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (140019)
6.00 News (T) and weather (854)
6.30 Regional News (106)
7.00 The Queen Welcomes the Matthew Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrive in Newfoundland to greet the *Matthew* as she completes her epic voyage (3038)
7.30 CHOICE **Hot Gadgets** Carol Vorderman presents a new series focusing on offbeat inventions (T) (390)
8.00 The National Lottery Live (T) (639729)
8.15 Firefighters Red Watch are called to an electrical signal box to extinguish a potentially lethal blaze, before dealing with a leaking container of highly toxic chemicals (T) (345800)
8.50 Points of View Anne Robinson gives viewers an opportunity to air their opinions (T) (897816)
9.00 News (T) and weather (7835)
9.29 National Lottery Update (348552)
9.30 CHOICE **Backup: Not Cricket** The sacking of a worker at a local factory leads to unrest in the community (T) (259449)
10.20 The X Files: Firewalker A group of scientists researching an active volcano in California unearth a bizarre parasitic life-form which leads one member of the team to commit a spate of horrifying murders. Mulder and Scully don their trusty trenchcoats and put their lives at risk yet again to unravel the mystery (r) (420187)
11.05 Smith and Jones (r) (T) (259941)
11.35 Father, Dear Father (1972) FILM Comedy spin-off focusing on the trials and tribulations of successful thriller writer Patrick Cargill as he struggles to bring up his two headstrong daughters. Directed by William G. Stewart (296293)
1.10am Weather (1883442)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Paper Technology (3929106) **6.25** Dynamic Analysis (3931941) **6.50** Teletel (7932670)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (1641651)
7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (T) (6566545) **7.55** Activ-8 (r) (T) (2758106) **8.20** Christopher Crocodile (r) (8791293) **8.25** Johnson and Friends (1125477) **8.35** The Record (2308922)
9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon (r) (T) (23274) **10.00** Teletubbies (83583) **10.30** Lifeline (T) (4799941)
10.40 And the Same to You (1960) FILM Comedy with Brian Rix, Leo Franklyn and William Hartnell. A clergyman disapproves of his nephew's ambition to become a boxer. Directed by George Pollock (3792467)
11.50 Johnson and Friends (r) (6542729)
12.00 Wimbledon 97 Desmond Lynam and Sue Barker present the action from the third afternoon in SW19. Weather permitting, both the men's and women's singles should now have reached the second-round stage (98286598)
2.50pm News (T) regional news and weather (2144583)
2.55 Westminster with Nick Ross (T) (9854699)
3.55 News (T) regional news and weather (3734545)
4.00 Wimbledon 97 Further coverage from the All England Club, introduced by Desmond Lynam (1582835)
8.30 Yes, Prime Minister Jim Hacker runs the risk of upsetting the Church of England (r) (T) (9835)
9.00 CHOICE **United Kingdom! — Quarry Queen** Cameras follow a female quarry owner as she demonstrates her new digger and comes up against the neighbours, who are opposing her plans to extend her operations inside the Peak District National Park (T) (396038)
9.20 UK Image (798093)
9.25 Today at Wimbledon Second-round highlights (T) (4405670)
10.00 Newsnight (T) (411699)

Fairbrass and Cameron (11.15pm)

11.15 CHOICE **Gaytime TV** Rhona Cameron returns for a new series of the lesbian and gay entertainment magazine with Right Said Fred's Richard Fairbrass making his debut as co-host (T) (713729)
11.55 Weather (269748)
12.00 The Midnight Hour (51930)
12.30am The Learning Zone: Does Science Matter? (39583)
1.30 Seeing With Electrons (33212)
2.00 Science Programme (45539)
4.00 English Heritage (69797)
4.30 Unicef in the Classroom (33046)
5.00 Basic Skills: A Different Way of Doing Things (19978)
5.30 Managing People (95713)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (9103583)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (3268699)
9.55 Regional News (T) (4945632)
10.00 The Time, the Place (87309)
10.30 This Morning (T) (65399212)
12.20pm Regional News (1321038)
12.30 News (T) and weather (4324699)
12.55 Shortland Street (4392090) **1.24** HTV Crimestoppers (73304421) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (90595361) **1.50** Look and Cook (31966816) **2.20** Winnetka Road (T) (5979212)
3.20 News (T) (3577496)
3.25 Regional News (T) (3576767)
3.30 Tots TV (r) (3387854) **3.40** Gigglish Allsorts (r) (8233835) **3.50** Oscar and Friends (r) (3659800) **3.55** The Animal Shelf (3380941) **4.10** Chatterhappy Ponies (r) (T) (3482859) **4.20** Tiny Toon Adventures (T) (5187922) **4.40** Wavelength (T) (6919564)
5.10 Yan Can Cook (r) (8292564)
5.40 News (T) and weather (309835)
5.57 Pollen Count (874090)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (150922)
6.25 HTV Weather (226011)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (274)
7.00 Emmerdale Des causes mayhem with a blowtorch at the Dingles' (T) (8106)

Froggatt and Faye (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Zoe (Joanne Froggatt) turns up at Judy Mallet's (Gaynor Faye) (T) (458)
8.00 A Touch of Frost: The Things We do For Love When a beautiful woman is found dead in a car park, the list of suspects leads Jack Frost into the heart of a religious community (r) (T) Followed by National Lottery Result (3125)
10.00 News (T) and weather (43380)
10.30 Regional News (T) (895767)
10.40 Gayle's World Spoof Page 3 Girl Gayle Tuesday, aka comedian Brenda Gilhooly, hosts her own comedy, chat and sketch show with guests including Sheila Hancock (306922)
11.10 Live at Jongleurs Rick Wakeman presents Matt Welcome, Rudy Lickwood and Arj Barker (T) (243380)
11.40 Tropical Heat (536800)
12.35am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (7172607)
1.10 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (8897779)
1.35 Eyewitness (1970) FILM with Mark Lester, Lionel Jeffries and Susan George. Thriller set on a Mediterranean island. Directed by John Hough (622268)
3.15 Jones and Jury (r) (40474862)
3.35 Not Fade Away (r) (9081775)
4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (20572)
5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (40684)
5.30 News (99539)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (4392090)
1.50-2.20 Now and Then (31966816)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8292564)
6.25-7.00 Central News (418729)
11.40 Swift Justice (345477)
12.30am Jody Horowitz Reports (5230046)
1.40 Bonkers (2891794)
2.40 The Chart Show (6859201)
3.30 Comedy Central (99123201)
3.40 Dating the Enemy (8289133)
4.25 Central Jobfinder '97 (7592133)
5.20 Asian Eye (4925133)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (1321038)
12.55 Home and Away (5511187)
1.20 Emmerdale (2088583)
1.55-2.20 Millionaires. A profile of James Dyson, who became a multi-millionaire by designing a better vacuum cleaner (17501361)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8292564)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (61274)
11.40 Swift Justice. American action drama series starring James McCaffrey (536800)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (4392090)
1.50-2.20 Summer Getaways (31966816)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8292564)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (922)
6.29 Pollen Count (226011)
6.30-7.00 Spirit of the South: Waterlines (274)
10.29 Pollen Count (201941)
11.10 Truly, Madly, Weekly (243380)
11.40 Hunter (536800)
5.00am Freescreen (40684)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (1300545)
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (4392090)
1.50-2.20 Liza's Country (31966816)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8292564)
6.23 Anglia Weather (876570)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (418729)
11.40 Weekly World News (290458)
12.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents (8081591)

S4C

Starts: 6.00 Sesame Street (19583) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (14941) **9.00 Bewitched** (37729) **9.30 Film: Riders in the Sky** (5384274) **10.45 Quality Control** (4770816) **11.00 Australia Wild** (2039) **11.30 Springhill** (1038) **12.00 House to House** (40293) **12.30pm Ricki Lake** (84125) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (10003835) **1.15 Lisabeth** (10091090) **1.30 Film: On the Fiddle** (45181125) **3.15 Fresh Pop** (1797545) **3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier** (380) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (187) **4.30 Dosh** (699) **5.00 5 Pump** (9212) **5.30 Countdown** (651) **6.00 Newyddion** (767361) **6.05 Heno** (951800) **6.35 Jac yn y Bocs** (472423) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (271309) **7.25 garej** (546496) **8.00 Diwrnod Gyda: Toni Caroll** (5496) **8.30 Newyddion** (484903) **9.05 Roseanne** (928583) **10.00 Brookside** (710212) **10.35 ER** (964106) **11.30 Cybill** (74835) **12.00am Under the Moon** (6238688)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street The guests are the Tokyo String Quartet (r) (19583)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (14941)
9.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (37729)
9.30 Riders in the Sky (1948, b/w). FILM Western adventure with Gene Autrey as a stranger who cleans up a corrupt town and clears a man on a trumped-up murder charge. Directed by John English (5384274)
10.45 Quality Control Comedy short (r) (4770816)
11.00 New Forest The flora and fauna of the former Royal Hunting Reserve (r) (13212)
12.00 House to House (40293) **12.30pm** Caroline in the City (r) (T) (84125) **1.00** Springhill (T) (23883496)
1.25 Laws of Mortal Danger The problems involved in strictly observing the Sabbath (10015670)
1.40 Little Old New York (1940, b/w) FILM with Richard Greene and Alice Faye. The story of the English inventor Robert Fulton, who built a steamboat in New York in 1807. Directed by Henry King (T) (45161361)
3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (T) (380)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (187)
4.30 Countdown (T) (6677293)
4.55 Ricki Lake Should parents use physical force to discipline children? (T) (5852361)
5.30 Pet Rescue News of the animals at RSPCA centres (r) (T) (651)
6.00 Party of Five Bailey begins drinking again while in Los Angeles (T) (903212)
6.50 Fresh Pop (730477)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) Includes headlines and weather at **7.30** (905090)
7.50 Arty Hearts (867800)
8.00 Brookside Mick takes a terrible risk for Gladys. Meanwhile, Susannah wants another child but Max is feeling bereft (T) (5496)
8.30 Ghost Hunters Psychic investigators examine Littledean Hall in the Forest of Dean, reputedly Britain's oldest haunted house (r) (T) (4903)
9.00 The Lost Fleet of Guadalcanal The story of the search for the 50 battleships and destroyers lying more than half a mile down on the Pacific Ocean floor (r) (7187)

Anthony Edwards (10.0pm)

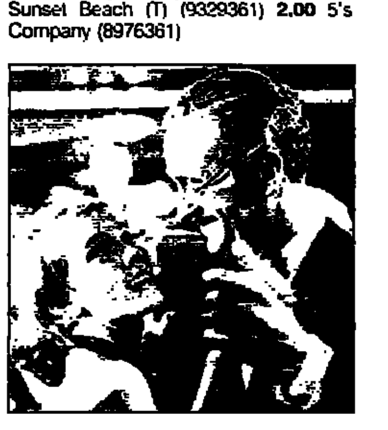
10.00 ER: Union Station The last of three classic episodes of the hospital drama. Nurse Lydia Wright finally marries policeman Al Grabarsky and Dr Susan Lewis prepares to move to Arizona. Will Dr Green (Anthony Edwards) manage to tell her how he feels before she goes? (r) (T) (1354)
11.00 Friends with Gaby The male leads meet Gaby Roslin (r) (T) (23467)
12.00 Under the Moon Through-the-night sports magazine presented by Danny Kelly (6238688)
5.30 Backdate (r) (T) (80881)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a **Videocrypt** decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**; sound: **7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News Early (8405421)
7.30 Havakazoo (3050019) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8269019)
8.30 WideWorld Exploring how language and pictures are used together in television news to convey sensitive and complex stories (8251090)
9.00 Espresso (7840926) **10.00** Exclusive! (r) (1155187) **10.30** Fame and Fortune (r) (8271854)
11.00 Leeza (1485922) **11.50** Double Espresso (24042629) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8262106) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (9115467)
1.00 5 News Update (T) (52420125) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (9329361) **2.00** 5's Company (8976361)



David Niven stars (3.30pm)

3.30 Bonjour Tristesse (1958) FILM with Jean Seberg, David Niven and Deborah Kerr. A tragic tale of betrayed trust and broken promises on the French Riviera. Directed by Otto Preminger (7735106)
5.20 5's Company — Late Extra (690411651)
5.30 100 Per Cent (28389699)
6.00 Whittle (T) (28379212)
6.30 Family Affairs The rave party at the lock is in full swing (T) (28360564)
7.00 Exclusive! (6891941)
7.30 Natural Natives: Little Gentleman in Black Velvet A look at the habitat of the mole (T) (7724090)
8.00 The Great Garden Game Paul Hawkins presents the gardening challenge from Belsay Hall in Northumberland, where the teams are set the task of creating a small water feature using a half-barrel. Last in the series (T) (6877361)
8.30 5 News (T) and weather (6896496)
9.00 The Naked Face (1984) FILM with Roger Moore, Rod Steiger and Elliot Gould. A psychiatrist's shock at the murder of his wife is compounded by the fact that he is among the chief suspects. Directed by Bryan Forbes (99067019)
10.55 The Jack Docherty Show (8047598)
11.40 Tibs and Fibs Medical quiz hosted by Tony Slattery. With guests Margi Clarke and Craig Charles (r) (6811038)
12.10am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine hosted by Tommy Boyd and Todd Macklin. Includes a live game from US baseball's Major League (92152442)
4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3975268)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (98903)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (225941) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (63816) **10.00** Another World (55212) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (42748) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (18108) **1.00pm** Geraldo (27854) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (91336) **3.00** Jenny Jones (27380) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (13187) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6093) **6.00** Real TV (3545) **6.30** Married — with Children (7125) **7.00** The Simpsons (1212) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3309) **8.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (66767) **9.00** Melrose Place (46903) **10.00** Silk Stalkings (49090) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (56941) **12.00** The Lucy Show (34626) **12.30am** L.A.P.D (95249) **1.00** Hit Mix (1017201)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (4514651) **7.30** Superboy (8011651) **8.00** Renegade (6781545) **9.00** New York Undercover (6701309) **10.00** Water Rats (6704496) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (7039922) **12.00** Hit Mix (2112978)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Prince for a Day (1995) (54618274) **7.35 Walk Like a Man (1987)** (6826361) **9.05 Summer and Smoke (1961)** (95387699) **11.05 The Colony (1995)** (71744019) **1.00pm Dad (1989)** (13748) **3.00 The Black Stallion Returns (1983)** (22729) **5.00 Prince for a Day (1995)** (78090) **7.00 The Colony (1995)** (62125) **9.00 National Lampoon's Senior Trip (1995)** (54922) **11.00 Red Shoe Diaries No.9: Hotline Gina (1995)** (89019) **12.30am Before the Night (1995)** (829423) **2.15 Harrison: Cry of the City (1995)** (750201) **3.50 Walk Like a Man (1987)** (74009133)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am In Old Kentucky (1935) (85274) **8.00 Mister Dog (1995)** (20038) **10.00 The Fantasy Worlds of Irwin Allen (1995)** (54859) **12.00 Don't Talk to Strangers (1994)** (54670) **1.30pm The Music Man (1962)** (352274) **4.00 Mister Dog (1995)** (6859) **6.00 Reckless Kelly (1994)** (71835) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (6019) **8.00 The Net (1995)** (53293) **10.00 Dolores Claiborne (1995)** (26577729) **12.15am Nell (1994)** (785356) **2.10 Sharon's Secret (1995)** (759572) **3.45 The Day the Sun Turned Cold (1994)** (378084) **5.30 Travels of Marco Polo (1993)** (6138591)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm I Remember Mama (1948) (15846903) **8.10 Shirley Valentine (1989)** (42088470) **10.00 Top Gun (1986)** (5888458) **11.55 The House on Carroll Street (1988)** (7060293) **1.40am The Offence (1973)** (4738607) **3.35-5.45 I Remember Mama (1948)** (78643152)

TNT

9.00pm Captain Blood (1935) (39964748) **11.00 The Roaring Twenties (1939)** (26866309) **1.00am The Last of Mrs Cheyney (1937)** (26744133) **3.00-5.00 Captain Blood (1935)** (29729882)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (92767) **7.30** Wrestling (11458) **8.30** Racing News (50537) **9.00** Sports Centre (96019) **9.30** Aerobics (32309) **10.00** Grand Prix Sailing (79699) **10.30** Cricket: NatWest Trophy (91019) **12.00** Aerobics (69303) **12.30pm** Rugby Union: Free State v British Lions (58816) **2.00** Pool (66800) **3.00** Sports Unlimited (72854) **4.00** Beach Soccer (51361) **5.00** Wrestling (8767) **6.00** Sports Centre (8019) **6.30** Countdown to Judgement Night II (2699) **7.00** The Pavilion End (88903) **7.59** Sports Centre (148767) **8.00** World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (18057) **10.00** Sports Centre (55552) **10.30** Beach Soccer (60854) **11.30** Futbol Mundial (67583) **12.00** Sports Centre (49572) **12.30am** Countdown to Judgement Night II (33423) **1.00** The Pavilion End (30171) **2.00** Full Throttle (67713) **2.30-3.00** Sports Centre (46220)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.30pm Countdown to Judgement Night II (77055019) **12.30** Beach Soccer (95230651) **1.30** Golf Extra (34572036) **4.00** Showjumping: Canadian Pacific World Cup (79023187) **5.30** Grand Prix Sailing (41912903) **6.00** Full Throttle (41919816) **6.30** The Winning Post: Epsom and Chester — Live (46767125) **8.30** Golf Extra (68230651) **11.00-11.30** European Tour Magazine (99890629)

EUROSPORT

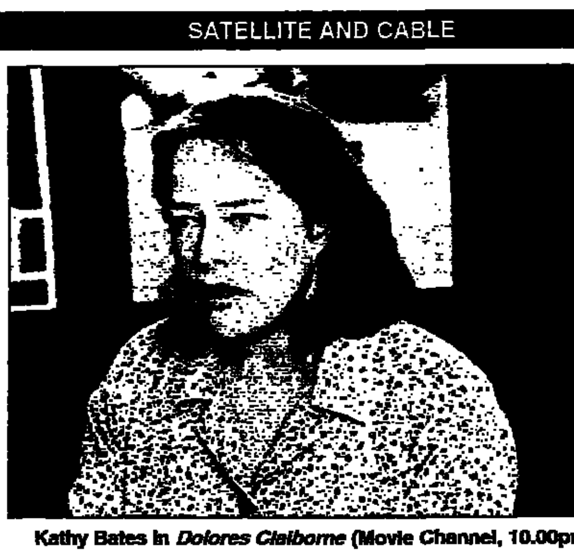
7.30am Cycling: 1997 Track World Cup (39854) **8.30** Cycling: Tour of Switzerland (61729) **9.30** Football: World Youth (64125) **10.30** Speedworld Magazine (20293) **11.30** Wheelies Magazine (63106) **11.30** Kick Magazine (63106) **12.00** Football: World Youth (8244293) **12.15pm** Football. World Youth Live (967922) **2.15** Cycling: Tour of Switzerland Live (793699) **4.00** Cycling: Tour of Catalunya (53729) **5.00** Basketball. Men's European Live (45019) **6.30** Motors Magazine (43309) **7.30** Football: World Youth (59458) **9.00** Tour de France Roadbook (75941) **9.30** Basketball: Men's European Live (22670) **11.00** Golf: Women's Evian Masters (96583) **12.00-12.30am** Cycling: Tour of Switzerland (74266)

UK GOLD

7.00am Record Breakers (4524309) **7.35** Neighbours (8425318) **8.00** Crossroads (7691670) **8.25** EastEnders (2918106) **9.00** The Bill (5650699) **9.30** You're Only Young Twice (5123748) **10.00** For the Love of Ada (2704564) **10.30** The Sullivans (5549583) **11.00** Casualty (83031941) **12.05pm** Crossroads (88547651) **12.30** Neighbours (5127564) **1.00** EastEnders (3268922) **1.35** On the Up (2844816) **2.15** Sorry! (9329534) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (6785545) **3.30** The Bill (2795729) **4.00** Boon (7185729) **5.00** Generation Game (81457309) **6.05** EastEnders (4458380) **6.40** Sykes (3120467) **7.20** Dr Who (3814458) **7.50** Only When I Laugh (5819106) **8.20** Hi-De-Hi (3844813) **9.00** The Bill (7107941) **9.30** Paradise Club (44248380) **10.35** Sports Anorak of the Year (7938090) **11.05** New Statesman (5320090) **11.35** Equalizer (9436019) **12.30am FILM: The Purple Plain** (5772978) **2.20** Shopping (64186510)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (7275545) **7.00** Coronation St (4623699) **7.30** Families (4602106) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (3537816) **9.00** The Professionals (6458670) **10.00** Gentle Touch (4691090) **11.00** London's Burning (4611854) **12.00** Coronation St (8817584) **12.30pm** Families (6901651) **1.00** Second Thoughts (4615670) **1.30** Good Life Guide (6900922) **2.00** Surprise Surprise (6458018) **3.00** Gentle Touch (7262748) **4.00** The Professionals (7274583) **5.00** London's Burning (2140748) **6.00** Families (8172699)



Kathy Bates in *Dolores Claiborne* (Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

6.30 Coronation St (8158651) **7.00** Gentle Touch (2504187) **8.00** The Professionals (2513835) **9.00** Coronation St (7270767) **9.30** Wheeltappers and Shunters (6898187) **10.00-11.00** London's Burning (2503458)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

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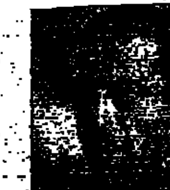

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Britons produce second-day shocks

Wilkinson soars while seeds scatter

BY JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

GREG RUSEDSKI may not be alone in taking umbrage at Henmania. As the Canada-born Briton duly completed his Centre Court victory over Mark Philippoussis, the No 7 seed, Chris Wilkinson contrived an even greater upset on No 13 Court. The resident of Southampton scythed down Jonas Bjorkman, the No 17 seed, to enhance further his record as Britain's most successful contemporary at these championships.

Only once in six previous visits has Wilkinson, 27, failed to advance beyond the opening round. Having never previously scuppered a seed, Bjorkman's scalp will now take pride of place on the Wilkinson mantlepiece. And so it should.

In a march of seismic fluctuations, a combination of intense concentration and raw courage eventually wore Bjorkman down. "It was certainly one of the best matches I've played at Wimbledon," Wilkinson said.

The 7-6, 0-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 verdict was posted with an overnight interlude that fortified Wilkinson just as it had Rusedski — who required just 14 minutes to dispatch Philippoussis 7-6, 7-6, 6-3. Thus, the first two men's seeds to fall were both slayed by Britons. Although Rusedski's performance was one of some magnitude, he might concede that, yesterday, Wilkinson deserved the plaudits.

Wilkinson faced arguably the toughest opening match among the domestic players, but he proved once again his pedigree for the job, outlasting Bjorkman in a marathon just short of three hours. The scale of his achievement is best assessed by their respective world rankings. Bjorkman, recently edged out by Philippoussis in the semi-finals at Queen's, trades as the world No 23, exactly 195 places above Wilkinson.

The upshot of all this is another marvellous fillip for British tennis, which has been burdened for far too long by the weight of failure. Wilkinson is no thrusting youth but his exploits will accelerate the momentum generated by Rusedski, Tim Henman and Andrew Richardson — who have all progressed to the second round. There is suddenly no shortage of role models for aspiring players.

Wilkinson's victory was all the more impressive for the fact that his original opponent, Thomas Muster, had been injured. Seeded No 6 but uncomfortable on grass, Muster withdrew just as Wilkinson was plotting his ambush. "I was very disappointed," he said. "To be honest, I didn't really fancy my chances against Bjorkman."

Try telling that to the hapless Swede, who has a taste for sour cream at this venue. Last year, Bjorkman went out in the opening round to another domestic campaigner, Luke Milligan. He had only himself to blame here, failing with each of eight break points in the sixth game of the deciding set. He also sqandered opportunities in the eighth game before Wilkinson closed out with an immaculate grass-court service game at 5-4.

"At that stage, technique goes out of the window," Wilkinson reflected of the last few games. "It takes courage, but it's easier if you're English. The crowd gets behind you and I love the atmosphere here." He now faces Mark Woodforde, the Australian doubles expert who brushed aside Leander Paes, of India, in straight sets.

In the past, Wilkinson had berated Rusedski for transferring his allegiance to Britain. Yesterday, the two were united in a common cause and Rusedski looked just as sharp when returning to complete his victory over Philippoussis — whose spirit he had effectively broken on Monday night.

Resuming two sets to the good and at 3-1, Rusedski served up a love game to shread whatever fantasy Philippoussis might have dreamt up overnight. So dominant was his service that Rusedski extended his ace count to 26 before finishing off his bewildered opponent with another at match point.

Statistics rarely embellish the image of the naked eye but this contest was accurately charted by the available data. Rusedski won 87 per cent of the points played on his first serve and 78 per cent of those on his second. There was no scope within such levels of superiority and Philippoussis was quick to accept the fact.

"I thought I could do well here, but what can you do when the guy serves that big?" the Australian said. "If Greg can serve like that in his other matches, he is going to have a good tournament. Good luck to him."

For his part, Rusedski felt that he had utilised his service to better effect. "I don't feel like I outserved him, I think I outsmarted him on the serve," he said. "He had the more powerful serve but I placed it. I mixed it up. I didn't give him a rhythm on the returns."

Rusedski will also have noted that Centre Court was packed for the resumption of his match. He is clearly warming the hearts of his audience and he implored the galleries to maintain that support.

"The crowd really helped me to win that second-set tie-break," he said. "In my next match, I'm going to need the same support."

British-inflicted wounds aside, another men's seed to fall on the second day was Gustavo Kuerten. The Brazilian, winner of the French Open and seeded No 11, emerged on the wrong side of a five-set match with Justin Gimelstrob, of the United States. Some more established names enjoyed safer passages, among them Pete Sampras, the world No 1, who eased past Mikael Tillstrom, of Sweden, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

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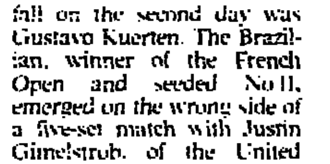

Wilkinson: beat Bjorkman after five-set marathon

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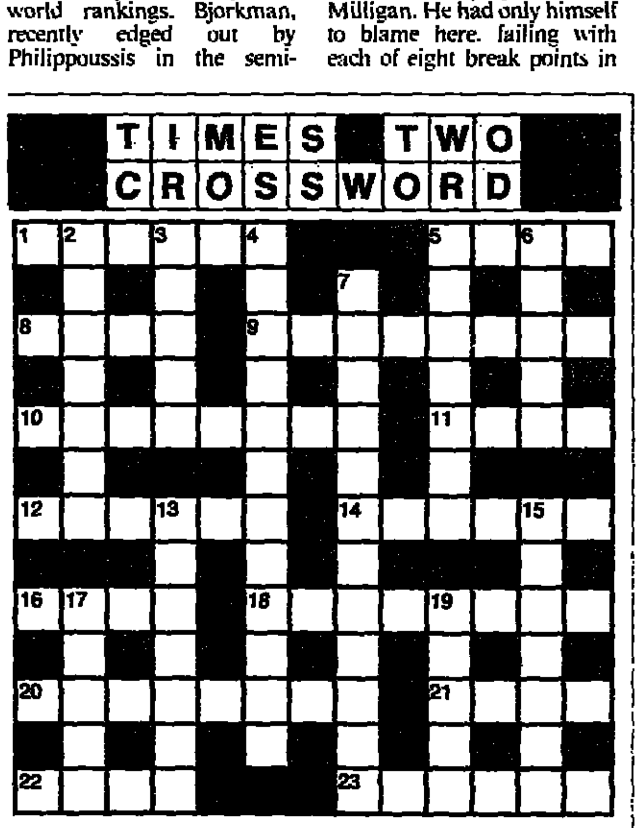

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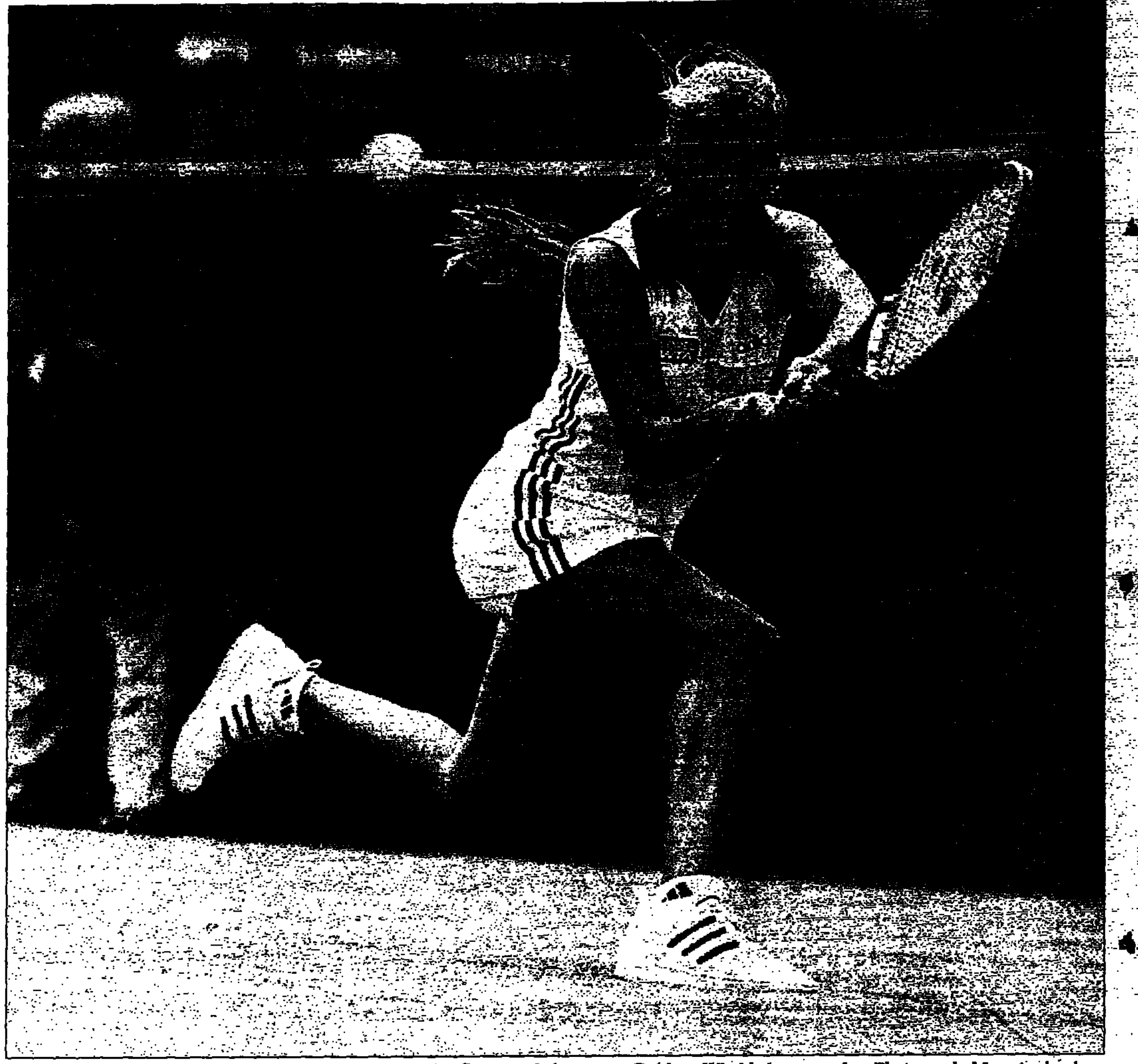


Kournikova leans into a double-handed return during her first-round victory over Rubin at Wimbledon yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Kournikova on fast track to stardom

Michael Calvin reflects on the lost innocence of a child prodigy nurtured from the cradle for a leading role on the Centre Court

SHE has a ponytail and a perma-tan, an agent and an attitude. Her microskirts resemble crisply ironed tea towels and her microphone manner is impeccable. Anna Kournikova would be the perfect Spice Girl, but, unless a vacancy is created for Teeny Spice, she is too young.

Her childhood was sacrificed to a marketing strategy and a sporting regime that teaches little of life but survival of the fittest. Her 6-1, 6-1 victory over Chanda Rubin, a spectacular Centre Court debut that spanned only 44 minutes of yesterday afternoon, was more akin to a public humiliation than a tennis match. All that was missing was a set of stocks and a fusillade of rotten fruit. The irony is that no one was remotely interested in the quality of Kournikova's performance: how she projected her personality was all that mattered.

She may be only 17 days into her seventeenth year, but her future is free from the uncertainties of youth. It is mapped out by Mark McCormack's International Management Group (IMG), agents for everyone from Arnold Palmer to the Pope, and will be weighed in tonnes of newsprint and measured in miles of digitised videotape.

The three most important words she uttered during a disconcertingly mature press conference performance yesterday, when asked about her boyfriend, the ice hockey player, Sergei Fedorov, were "I am single". She is already gossip column fodder — her liaison with the Russian defenceman for the Stanley Cup winners, Detroit Red Wings, is unaffected by their ten-year age gap — and Hollywood is hovering until she reaches the age of consent.

With her delicately fringed blonde hair and piercing blue eyes, she is a Madison Avenue cliché, a Barbie Doll whose leisure wear has been sponsored since the age of ten. Cosmetic companies covet her fresh face and, even if skeletal supermodels are in vogue, anyone with such long lithe legs is a perfect clothes horse. The occasional tennis title might help to pad out the curriculum vitae, but it won't do much else, apart from add another nought or two to the bank balance.

This testifies to the foresight of Alla Kournikova. She might have had trouble gaining entrance to the Royal Box yesterday, given that she was wearing identical leisure wear to her daughter, which revealed the occasional acre of midriff, but the view from the players box, through her designer sunglasses, was sufficiently reassuring.

Rubin, ranked 11 places higher at 31 in the world, lost the first set in 17 minutes. Her wrist weakened by injury and her mind muddled by sudden assumptions of inferiority, the American was a natural victim. Little wonder the IMG minder, assigned to the Kournikova family, beamed as every lens was trained on the girl Alla had transplanted from Moscow to Bradenton in Florida, site of Nick Bollettieri's tennis academy.

Anna was only 11 when she bridged the cultural gap between the economic harshness of post-perestroika Russia and the sybaritic lifestyle of the Florida Keys, but she was the perfect pupil. The work ethic of a refugee prompted her to pound tennis balls from the baseline for endless hours. She developed a forehand that had the strength of a mortar shell and a backhand that had the accuracy of a tracer bullet.

The occasional racket was thrown in the process, but the tantrums were more than matched by her mother, who was eventually banned from the practice courts by the pugnacious Bollettieri, for screaming abuse at the daughter she had enrolled at a Soviet sports clinic at the age of five.

Anna was a natural gymnast, but once she had won her first tennis title, at eight, the horizons of her life were restricted. Fame can dehumanise even the most callow youth, and the dangers of being isolated by a prodigous talent are best articulated by someone who knows. Steffi Graf. She watched the Kournikova marketing campaign begin to unfold and observed: "She definitely needs to pay attention to being a normal girl."

The contrast to Martina Hingis, who is nine months older, was stark even three years ago, when they played each other in the Wimbledon girls championships. Kournikova, beaten in two sets, was studied, suspicious. Hingis was merely shy.

Hingis, the world No 1, has retained a schoolgirl's spontaneity as she has risen into sport's stratosphere. She enjoys her talent, relishes her status. Kournikova's innocence has long been lost.

A star might have been born yesterday. But the suspicion persists that it will flare briefly, before burning out before its time.

Cross carries British banner

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

COMPARED to Tim Henman, Greg Rusedski and even Chris Wilkinson, Karen Cross is not figure in the firmament of British tennis, but yesterday she became the first British woman qualifier since 1976 to win a first-round match in the main Wimbledon draw when she beat Linda Wild, of the United States, the world No 44, in straight sets.

Cross, the left-handed British No 8, was a wild-card entrant into the qualifying competition, finally winning through on Sunday.

In the first set against Wild, ranked 278 places higher than the 23-year-old from Exeter, Cross broke to lead 2-1, was broken herself, then returned the compliment. Two service breaks in the second set allowed her to take the match 6-4, 6-2.

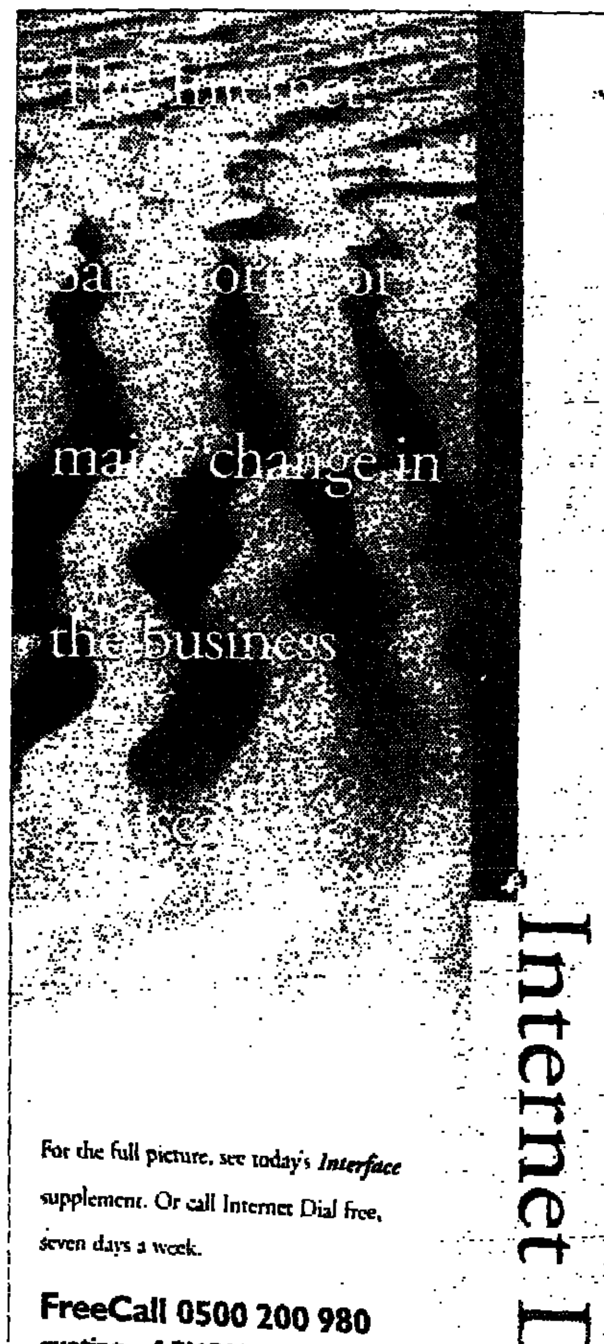
"I felt quite confident," she said. "I got off to a good start, broke her serve early and just kept going. Having got to 5-2 up in the second set I thought: 'I am not going to let this slip.' " The biggest win of her career? "By far. It's probably my first win over a player in the top 100."

Her success was in harsh contrast to the experience of Clare Wood, who was swept aside by Arantxa Sánchez Vicario in the first match on Centre Court. Although she served six times at game point and even had a break point in the fourth game of the first set, Wood was unable to win a game. That her 50-minute demolition was not the quickest match of the tournament so far was a testament to Wood's willingness to chase everything, despite a hamstring injury that requires surgery: but a chase it always was.

"It was quite an occasion going out on Centre Court, but the top players have the advantage of having dealt with that situation," Wood said, "so it is a little intimidating, but certainly I didn't go out with a defeatist attitude."

Elsewhere, victory seemed possible for Shirli-Ann Siddall, the British No 3, when she led Helena Sukova 5-2 in the first set. Unfortunately, Siddall allowed Sukova to break back, lost the first set on a tie-break and rescued only a single game in the second to go out 6-7, 1-6.

Jamie Delgado, one game from defeat when play was halted on Monday, duly lost to Jerome Golmard, of France, who goes forward to play Henman. Luke Milligan lost to the French qualifier, Arnaud Clement, in another rain-delayed finish: 4-2 ahead in the third set overnight, he eventually went out 0-2, 6-7, 5-7, 2-6.



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